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SONIC SUPER DIGEST

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NEARBY...
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AMY, ROTOR, ANTOINE, BIG AND CREAM--WITH KNUCKLES
INCOMING CALL FROM ROUGE.
WHAT TIMING. PUT HER THROUGH.
SALLY PRINCESS/ TACTICIAN
WHAT HAPPENED, PRINCESS? I WAS KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU A LEAD ON AN EMERALD,* AND NOW THE G.U.N. UNIT INVOLVED HAS GONE SILENT.
METAL SONIC ATTACKED THE UNIT AND STOLE THE EMERALD.
*ETHIZZ.
UGH--SERIOUSLY? I TOLD THE COMMANDER I SHOULD BE ON ANY GEM-CENTRIC MISSIONS...
WE'RE TENDING TO THE WOUNDED NOW, BUT YOU NEED TO SEND SUPPORT IMMEDIATELY.
ROGER THAT AND METAL SONIC?
THE G.U.N. UNIT FOUGHT BRAVELY. YOU AND I BOTH KNOW HOW VICIOUS METAL SONIC CAN BE.
WE'VE GOT SONIC, TAILS AND SUNNIE IN HOT PURSUIT!
DIMENSIONAL ANOMALY DETECTED. POSSIBLE GENESIS PORTAL.* POSSIBLE ESCAPE ROUTE.
*GATEWAY BETWEEN DIMENSIONS

WOOOSH
HEY!
PYEW!
DON'T EVEN PRETEND YOU CAN OUTRUN ME!
SONIC!
OH, NO YOU--!
SORRY, BUD!
BWOOOSH
SHVORN

OOF!
BURNING RUIN ZONE
...DON'T WHOOPS.
SHVORN
SONIC?!
SILVER?
AUHK!
WOOSH

OH, MAN! ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH. FINE. GRAB METAL SONIC!
SILVER PSYCHIC
Um...HE'S ALREADY GONE. IT'S LIKE HE'S FASTER THAN YOU!...
LIES AND SLANDER, SKOFF! WE NEED TO HURRY AFTER HIM BEFORE...
...I GUESS THERE'S NOT A WHOLE LOT TO ESCAPE TO, IS THERE?
SORRY, I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYBODY TO COME THROUGH!
...OKAY, DUDE? BRING ME UP TO SPEED HERE?
I'VE BEEN CLOSING ALL THE GENESIS PORTALS I CAN FIND, REMEMBER?"
I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF CLOSING THE ONE LEADING FROM YOUR WORLD TO THIS MESSED-UP DIMENSION WHEN YOU AND METAL SONIC TUMBLED THROUGH.
WITH THE PORTAL CLOSED, HE'S TRAPPED HERE WITH US!
SONIC COMIC ORIGINS #6
SUPER! EXCEPT FOR THE WHOLE "WE'RE TRAPPED" PART.
HEY, DON'T WORRY! THERE'S THREE BUDDING GENESIS PORTALS HERE.
GREAT. THREE RANDOM PORTALS. AND YOU THINK ONE WILL LEAD BACK HOME BECAUSE...?
I'VE CLOSED A LOT OF GENESIS PORTALS. I'M STILL NOT SURE WHY, BUT I'VE NOTICED A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THEM LEAD BACK TO YOUR WORLD AND TIME.

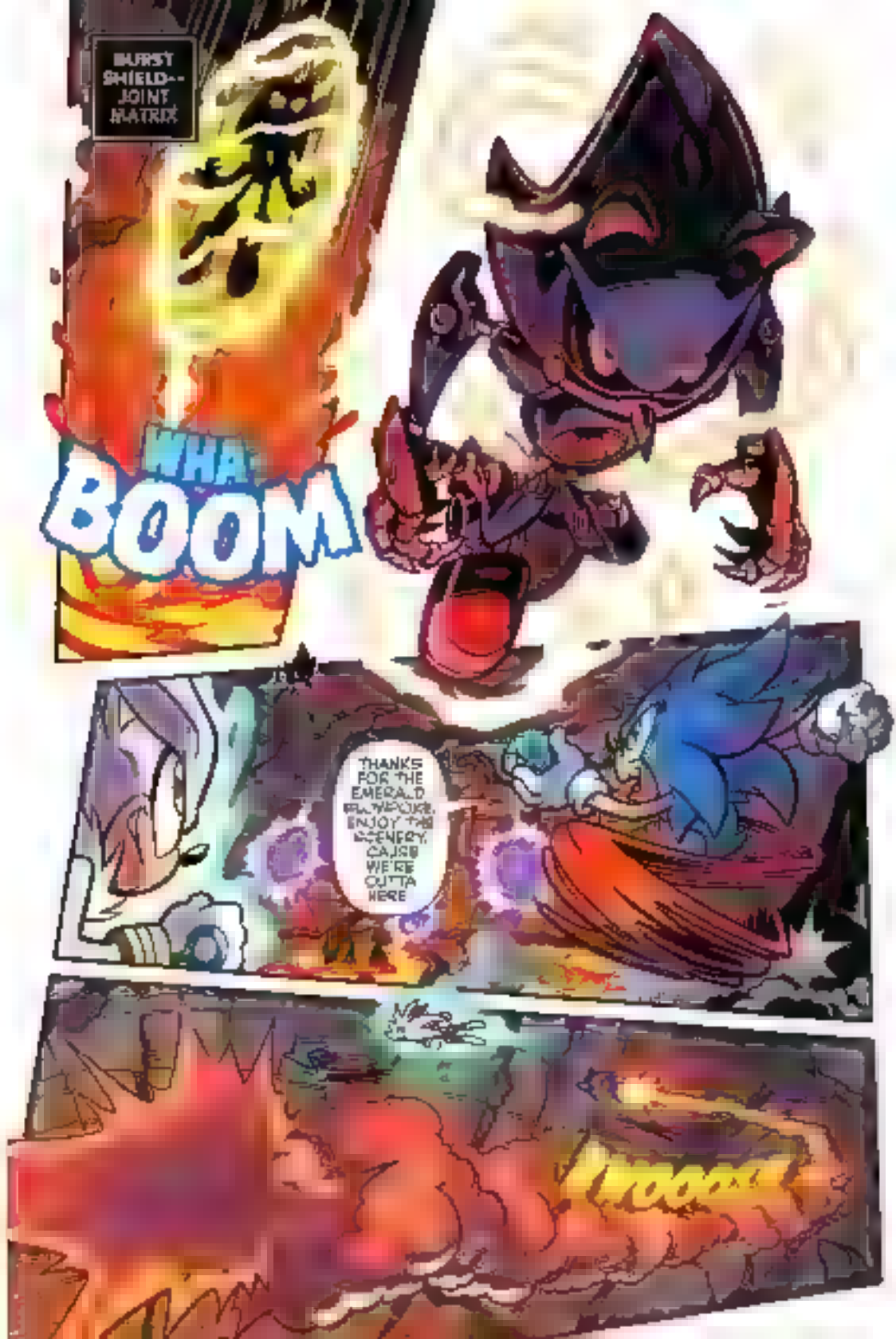
IF THESE THINGS ARE POPPING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE, AREN'T YOU WASTING YOUR TIME TRYING TO CLOSE THEM ALL?
IT'D...KINDA DAUNTING, TO BE HONEST.
BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE GETS LOST THROUGH ONE? OR SOMETHING DANGEROUS IS LET THROUGH? I COULDN'T LIVE WITH MYSELF KNOWING I COULD'VE DONE SOMETHING.
KINDA ALONG THAT LINE--DO WE WIN?
WIN WHAT?
FIX THE SHATTERED PLANET, I MEAN.
GOOD POINT. I GUESS I'D DO THE SAME.
'CAUSE, EGGMAN OR NOT, I DID HAVE A HAND IN BREAKING IT...
I...UH...PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY. SHOULDN'T POLLUTE THE TIME-STREAM OR HISTORY...
THIS COMING FROM YOU?

HEY! I DID IT TO SAVE MY TIME!
YEAH— I KNOW, AND I'M TRYING TO SAVE EVERYONE IN MY TIME!
SO A LITTLE HEADS-UP OF WOULD BE NICE!
WHOA! HOLD ON...
...WE'RE HERE. THE GENESIS PORTALS SHOULD BE APPEARING AROUND HERE ANY MINUTE.
GOOD. IT FEELS LIKE MY EVERY BREATH IS ON FIRE.
IT'S BETTER THAN THE WORLD THAT WAS COMPLETELY OVERGROWN WITH ANGRY PLANTS. THE POLLEN WAS ACTUALLY HUNTING ME DOWN!
SO...DO WE HAVE A PLAN?
YUP! METAL SONIC WENT STRAIGHT FOR THE LAST GENESIS PORTAL. THAT TELLS ME HE CAN DETECT THEM.
WE'LL WAIT FOR HIM TO DETECT THESE PORTALS, AND THEN AMBUSH HIM!
COOL!
...EXCEPT...
WHAT?
METAL IS BASED OFF ME AND SORTA THINKS LIKE ME. WHICH MEANS HE MIGHT--

SHVORN
AH!
SHNK
OW!
THAT PUNK... HE'S HEADING FOR THE PORTALS!
I'VE GOT HIM!
HA! HOW D'YA LIKE THAT, YOU--?
BLACK SHIELD-- DEFLECTIVE MATRIX
VRRT

AND METAL FUMBLES THE EMERALD!
RACE YA FOR IT!
SILVER— FIND OUT WHERE THOSE PORTALS GO!
VREEEE
FOOM

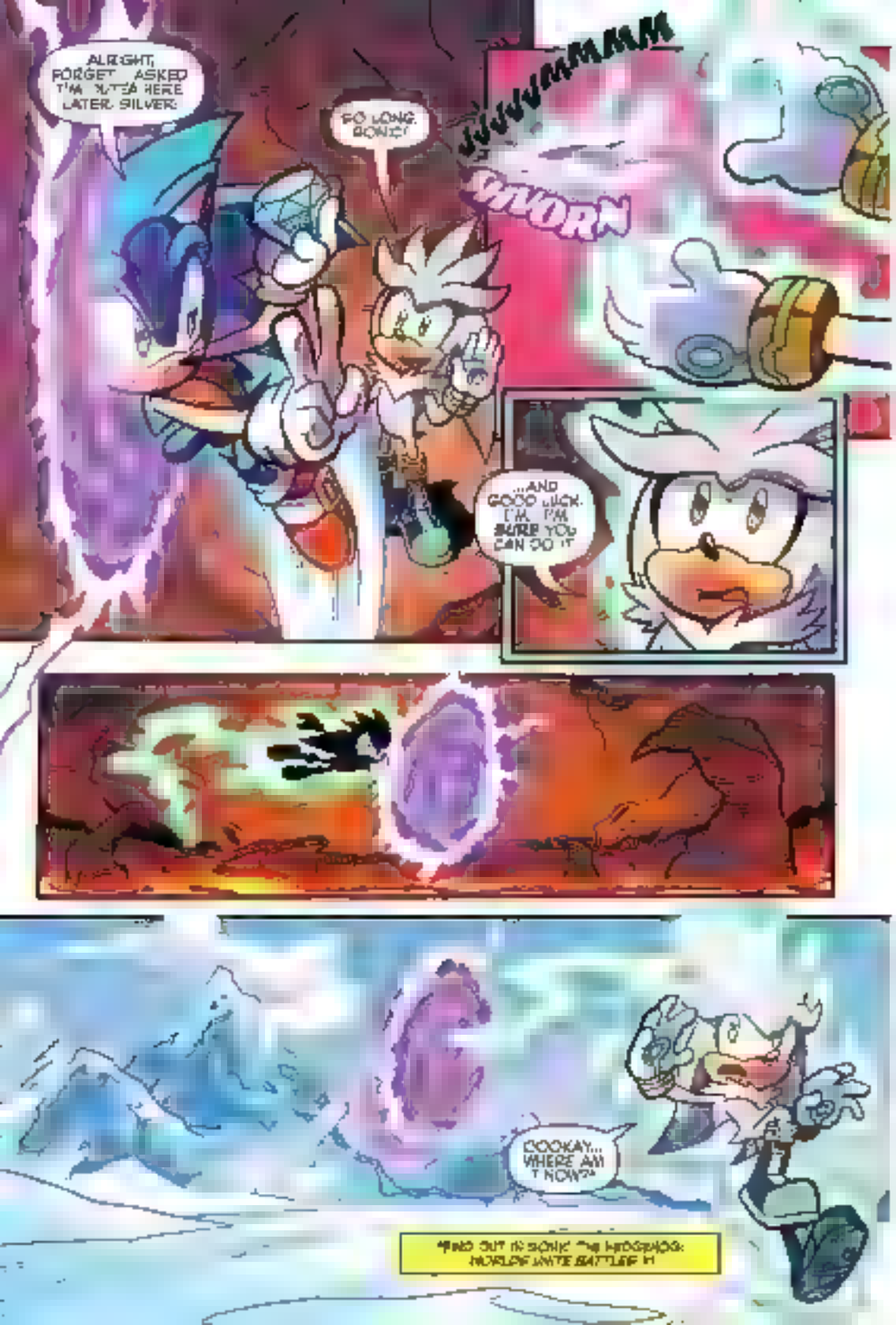
HEY, METAL SONIC?
YOU'RE TOO SLOW!
WHEEEE
KYAAA
THUD
IS THAT GOING TO STOP HIM?
FOR MAYBE THIRTY SECONDS. HE'LL NEVER STOP
ANY IDEA WHERE THOSE PORTALS GO?
YES, THOSE TWO LEAD TO OTHER WORLDS
WHILE THAT ONE LEADS BACK TO YOUR WORLD. IT SHOULD BE PRETTY CLOSE TO WHERE YOU LEFT FROM, ACTUALLY.
COOL. NOW GLAD FIRST, GIMME THE EMERALD.

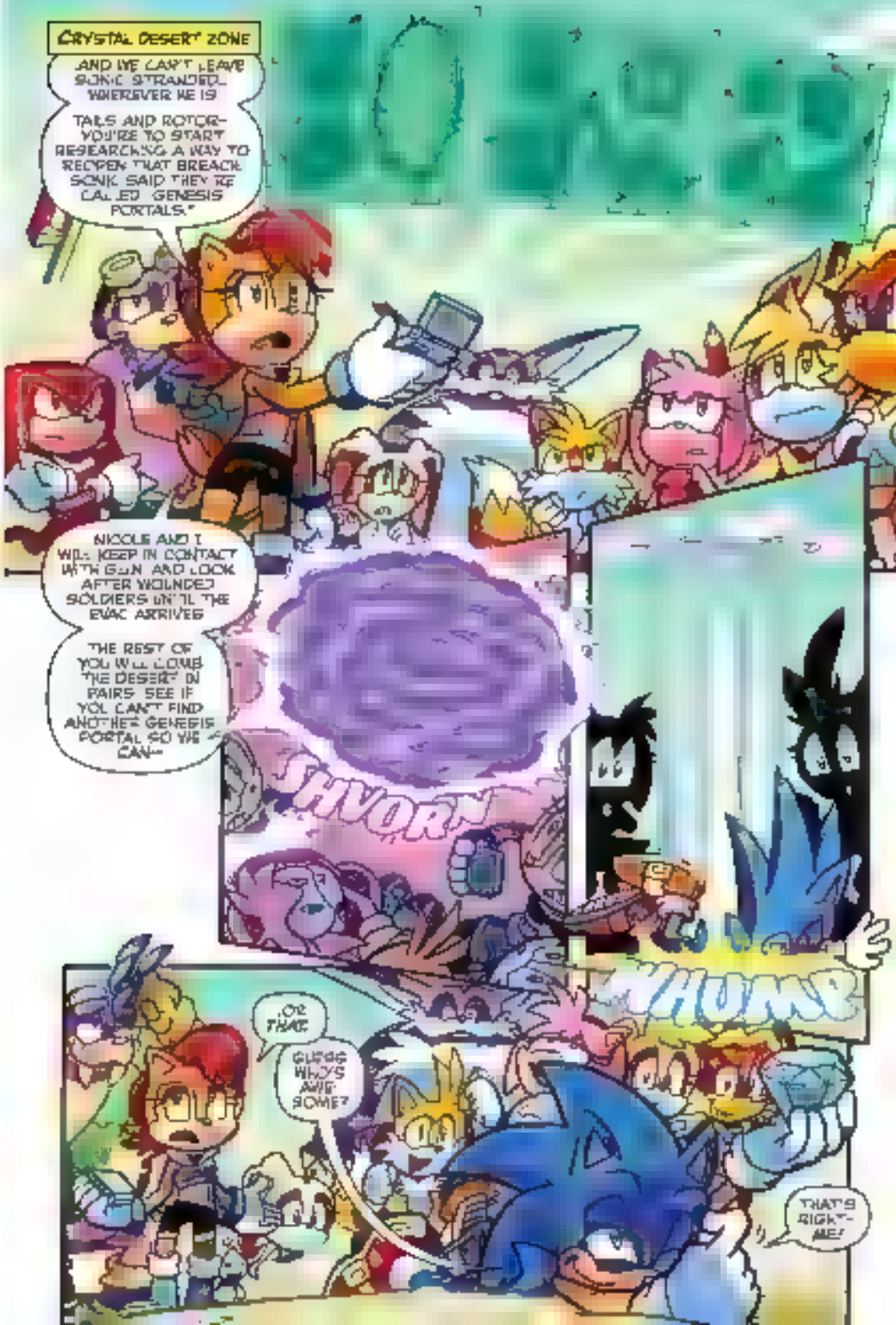

BURST SHIELD-- JOINT MATRIX
WHA
BOOM
THANKS FOR THE EMERALD FIREWORKS. ENJOY THE SCENERY, CAUSE WE'RE OUTTA HERE
KABOOM!

ER... YOU SURE ANTAGONIZING HIM IS A GOOD IDEA?
PROBABLY NOT BUT IT'S FUN.
SEE, THE THING ABOUT METAL SONIC IS
AND WHILE I'LL NEVER GIVE UP EITHER
I DO KNOW WHEN TO STOP RUNNING.
CLOSE IT!
SHNORK
VVVV

SHVORN

HERE YOU GO. YOUR WAY HOME.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL CLOSE THIS ONE BEHIND YOU.
THANKS. BUT...
I GOTTA KNOW. FIXED OR NOT FIXED?
IT'S... UH...
IT'S LIKE MY CHILL BATTLE TRYING TO HANDLE THE GENESIS PORTALS.
IF I TOLD YOU THAT YOU DO SUCCEED, THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE, RIGHT? AND IF I SAID YOU'RE DESTINED TO FAIL, WOULD YOU REALLY ACCEPT THAT? WOULD YOU GIVE UP?
NAH. THAT'D JUST MEAN I'D FIGHT DESTINY TOO!


ALRIGHT, FORGET ASKED I'M GUESS HERE LATER, SILVER!
SO LONG, SONIC!
JUUUMMMM
WHORN
...AND GOOD LUCK. I'M, I'M, SURE YOU CAN DO IT
OOOKAY... WHERE AM I NOW?
*FIND OUT IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: WORLDS UNITE BATTLER #1


CRYSTAL DESERT ZONE
AND WE CAN'T LEAVE SONIC STRANDED... WHEREVER HE IS
TAILS AND ROTOR- YOU'RE TO START RESEARCHING A WAY TO REOPEN THAT BREACH. SONIC SAID THEY'RE CALLED "GENESIS PORTALS."
NICOLE AND I WILL KEEP IN CONTACT WITH GUN AND LOOK AFTER WOUNDED SOLDIERS UNTIL THE EVAC ARRIVES
THE REST OF YOU WILL COMB THE DESERT IN PAIRS. SEE IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANOTHER GENESIS PORTAL SO WE CAN--
SHVORN
WHUMP
OR THAT.
GUESS WHO'S AWESOME?
THAT'S RIGHT- ME!

OH, SONIC, I WAS SO WORRIED WHEN THEY SAID YOU VANISHED WITH-
BLECH. WHY DO YOU SMELL LIKE A FIREPLACE?
C'MON, WE'RE TEAMMATES. DON'T YOU ALWAYS WANT TO BE BY MY SIDE?
I DO, AND I ALWAYS WILL, BUT I'M KEEPING MY DISTANCE UNTIL YOU'VE SHOWERED!
WELCOME BACK.
THANKS, SAL
WE'RE SIX-FOR-SEVEN ON THE EMERALDS NOW. BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO METAL SONIC?
Mmm. DON'T KNOW, DON'T CARE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM FOR A WHILE, I'M SURE.

MON, BUT THERE IS STILL ZE PLANET BEING BROKEN, AND WE HAVE NOT EVEN FOUND ONE OF ZE TEMPLES! THERE IS PLENTY TO BEING WORRIED ABOUT!
GOTTA FOCUS ON THE SMALL VICTORIES, MON.
EXACTLY. WE SAVED SOME G.U.N. TROOPS GRABBED AN EMERALD AND SENT METAL SONIC PACKING!
JUST RAN THROUGH A WORLD MADE UP OF FIRE AND MIBERY. AND NOW I'M BACK HERE. TAKE IT AIN'T NO THING.
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME CRAZY STUFF TOGETHER, WHICH MEANS WE'RE QUALIFIED TO TAKE ON EVEN CRAZIER THINGS!
WE'RE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! WE CAN HANDLE ANYTHING!

SOMEWHERE ELSE ENTIRELY
RRRGH! BLAST IT ALL, META. SONIC NOW HE'S LOST IN SOME OTHER DIMENSION!
SIGNAL LOST
DR. EGGMAN CONSIDERING OPTIONS
HE'D BETTER FIND A GENESIS PORTAL AND COME BACK SOON.
GRRR. ORBOT, FETCH ME A SANDWICH!
SOMETHING'S UP WITH ORBOT. WHAT—OR WHO—IS IN CONTROL?

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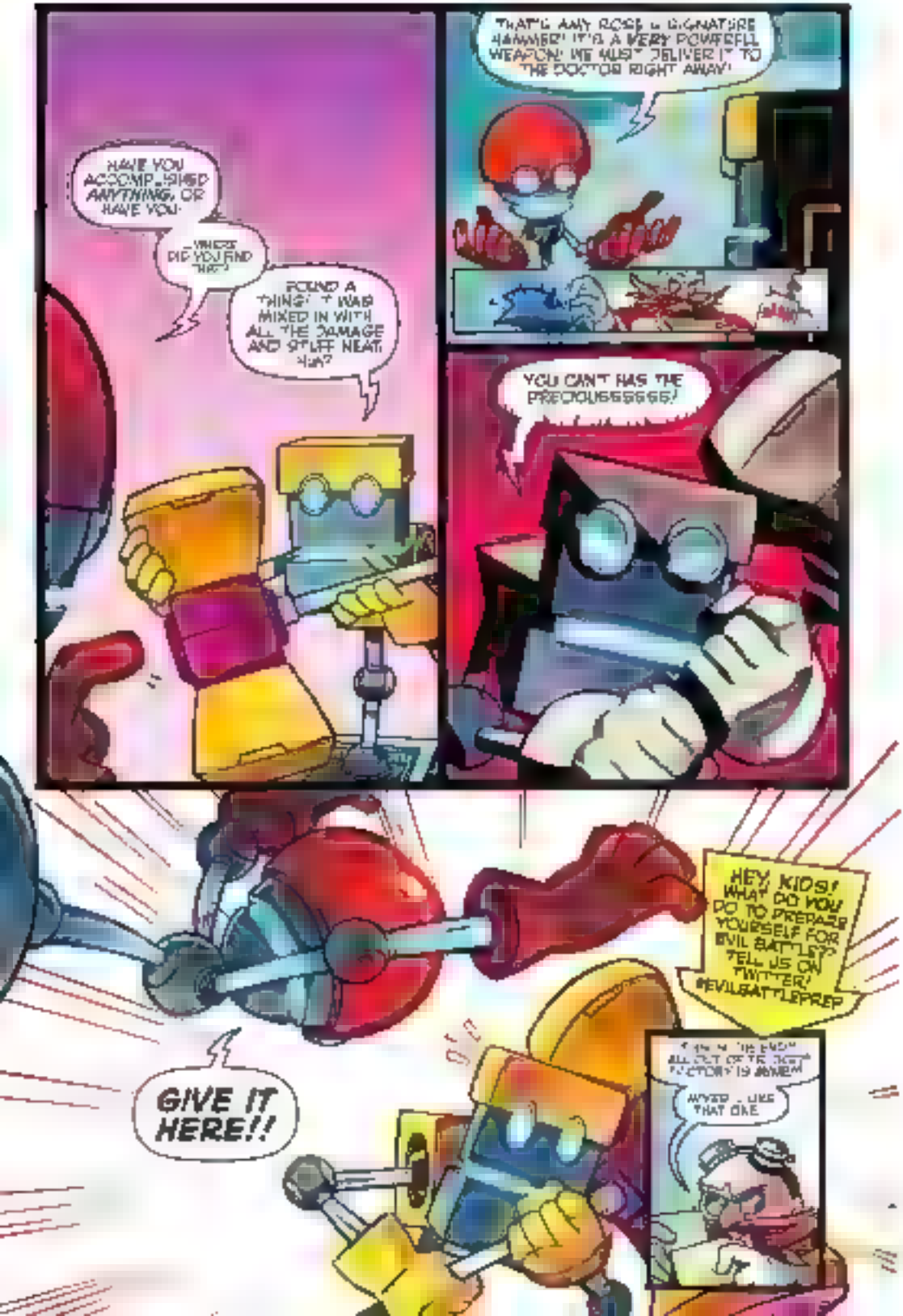
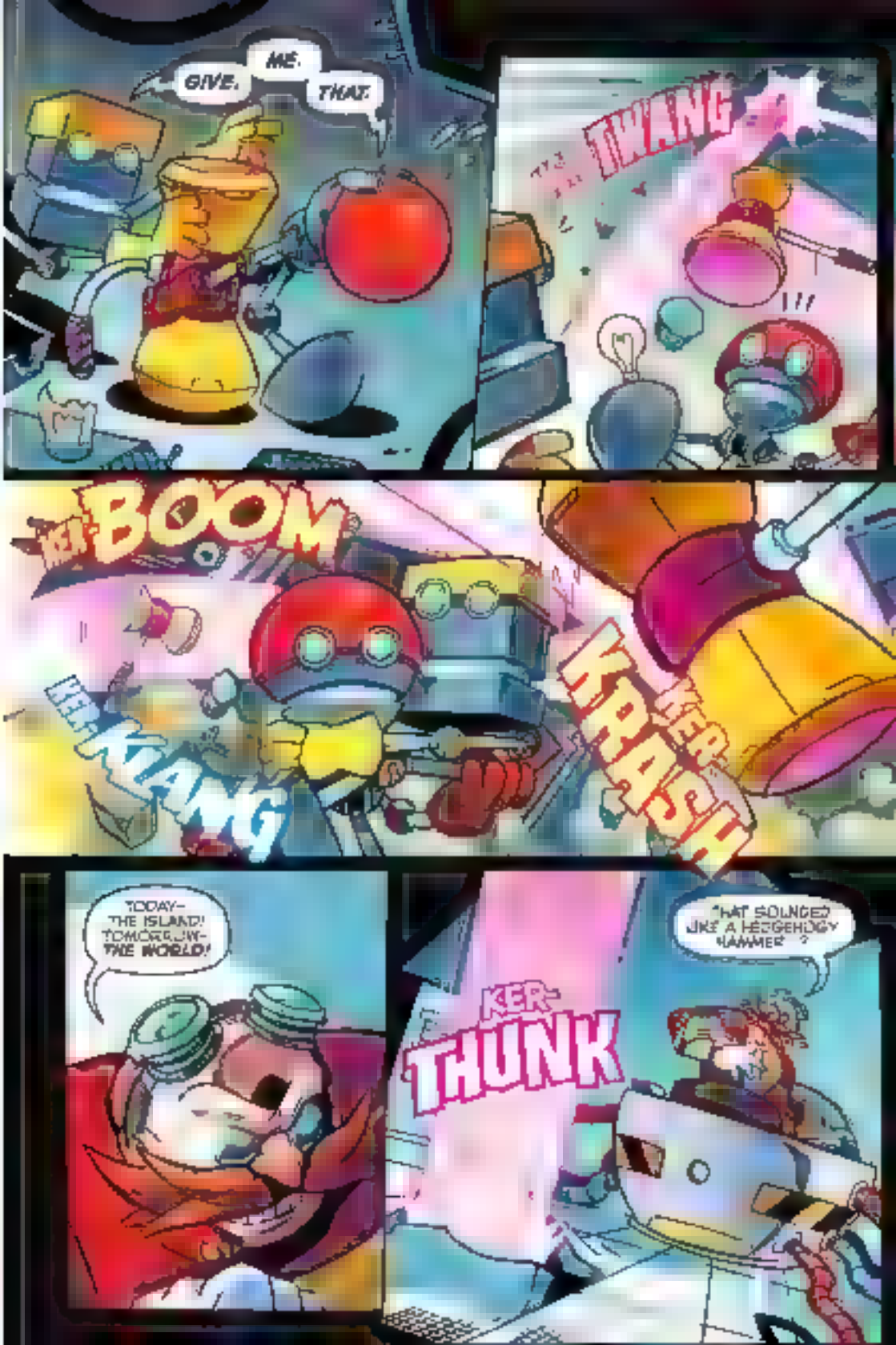
BACK HERE AGAIN!
WE MIGHT ACTUALLY MAKE IT ON TIME IF I GOT THE POWER-COUPLINGS COUPLED AND THE GEAR SHIFT SHIFTED
DID YOU MANAGE TO..?
NO. OF COURSE NOT.
WROWR, DANA-NANA-NANA-NANA, WICKEY-NYAJECH! BUM BUM BUM!
CUBOT
DERNOW-WOW-WOW!
WIDDLEY-WIDDLEY-WIDDLEY-
CUBOT!
MORON!
HEY AN INTRO! SWEET!
ONE DEAD HEDGEHOG.
TWO DEAD HIPPY-DOGS


HAVE YOU ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING, OR HAVE YOU-
WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT?
FOUND A THING! IT WAS MIXED IN WITH ALL THE DAMAGE AND STUFF NEAT, HUH?
THAT'S ANY ROSE'S SIGNATURE HAMMER! IT'S A VERY POWERFUL WEAPON! WE MUST DELIVER IT TO THE DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY!
YOU CAN'T HAS THE PRECIOUSSSSSS!
HEY KIDS! WHAT DO YOU DO TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR EVIL BATTLES? TELL US ON TWITTER! #EVILBATTLEPREP
GIVE IT HERE!!
NEVER - LIKE THAT ONE.

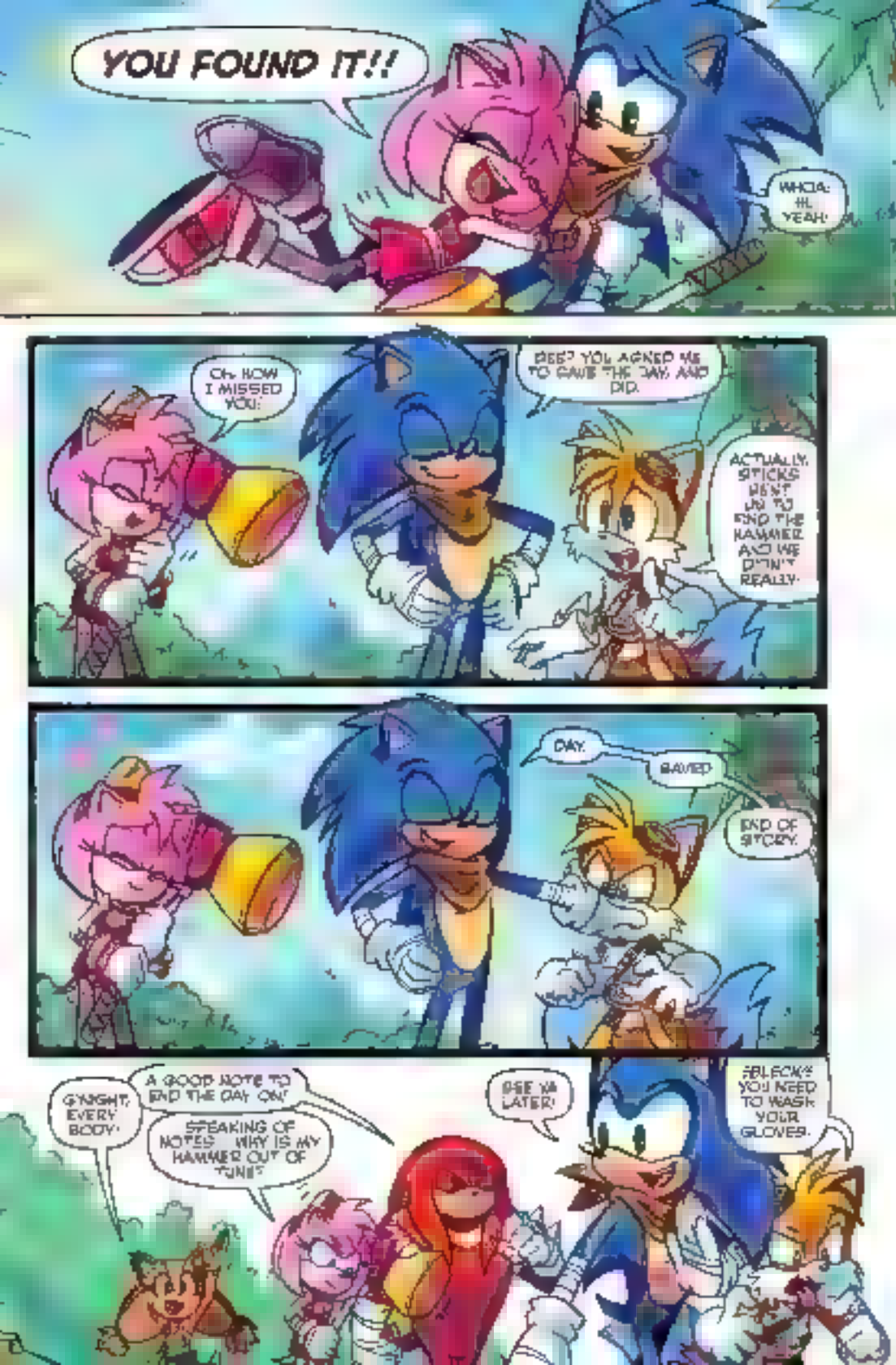
MINE!
MINE!
MINE!
MINE!
MINE!
MINE!
WE'RE ORNK'S MOST LOYAL MINION-BOTS! WE MUST DELIVER THIS "PRIZE" TO DR. EGGMAN!
SIGH! LAUNCH TIME ALREADY?
LIAR! SHRMF! YOU JUST WANT THIS COOL THING FOR YOURSELF!
OH, WHAT'S THE POINT IN DENYING IT? THAT HAMMER IS THE COOLEST! GIMME!!

IT'S TIME TO GO. EVERYTHING BETTER BE IN TIP-TOP SHAPE.
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
KER-KLIK
Hmm. NO EARLY WARNING ALARMS— GOOD.
WE'RE READY TO ROLL
WHA-HA-HA-HA!!
THE BIG BOY MARCHES INTO BATTLE ONCE AGAIN!


GIVE.
ME.
THAT.
TWANG
KER-BOOM
KER-KLANG
KER-KRASH
TODAY- THE ISLAND! TOMORROW- THE WORLD!
KER-THUNK
"THAT SOUNDED LIKE A HEDGEHOGGY HAMMER."

KER-
KRASH
UH, HEY, BOSS.
YOU'RE NEVER GONNA BELIEVE WHAT WE FOUND IN HERE!
FWEEEEEEEE

WELL, WE SEARCHED THE WHOLE ISLAND. NO SIGN OF AMY'S HAMMER ANYWHERE
WHICH STINKS. I DON'T THINK MY BANDANA CAN HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER AS AMY'S SHOT-RAG
WHAT ARE WE GONNA TELL HER? SHE WAS COUNTING ON US
UNLESS SOMETHING AMAZINGLY COINCIDENTAL HAPPENS IN THE NEXT THREE SECONDS, THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE FINDING--
HER HAMMER?!
MY HAMMER ?!


YOU FOUND IT!!
WHOA-HA! YEAH!
OH, HOW I MISSED YOU!
BEEP YOU AGREED ME TO SAVE THE DAY, AND DID.
ACTUALLY, STICKS SENT US TO FIND THE HAMMER AND WE DIDN'T REALLY.
DAY.
SAVED
END OF STORY.
GYAGHT, EVERY BODY.
A GOOD NOTE TO END THE DAY ON!
SPEAKING OF NOTES... WHY IS MY HAMMER OUT OF TUNE?
SEE YA LATER!
BLECH! YOU NEED TO WASH YOUR GLOVES.

WHEW! THAT TIN-FOIL NIGHT CAP ISN'T GOING TO FOLD ITSELF
Huh. IS THAT...?
IT IS! I KNEW IT!
HAHAHA— THE POWER!
THE UNIMAGINABLE POWER---!!
STICKS FOUND A THING!
WHAT IS THAT THING? WE DUNNO!
BETTER READ SONIC BOOM #4 AVAILABLE NOW FOR DIGITAL DOWNLOAD AND FIND OUT!
THE STORY'S OVER. GIVE IT A REST!

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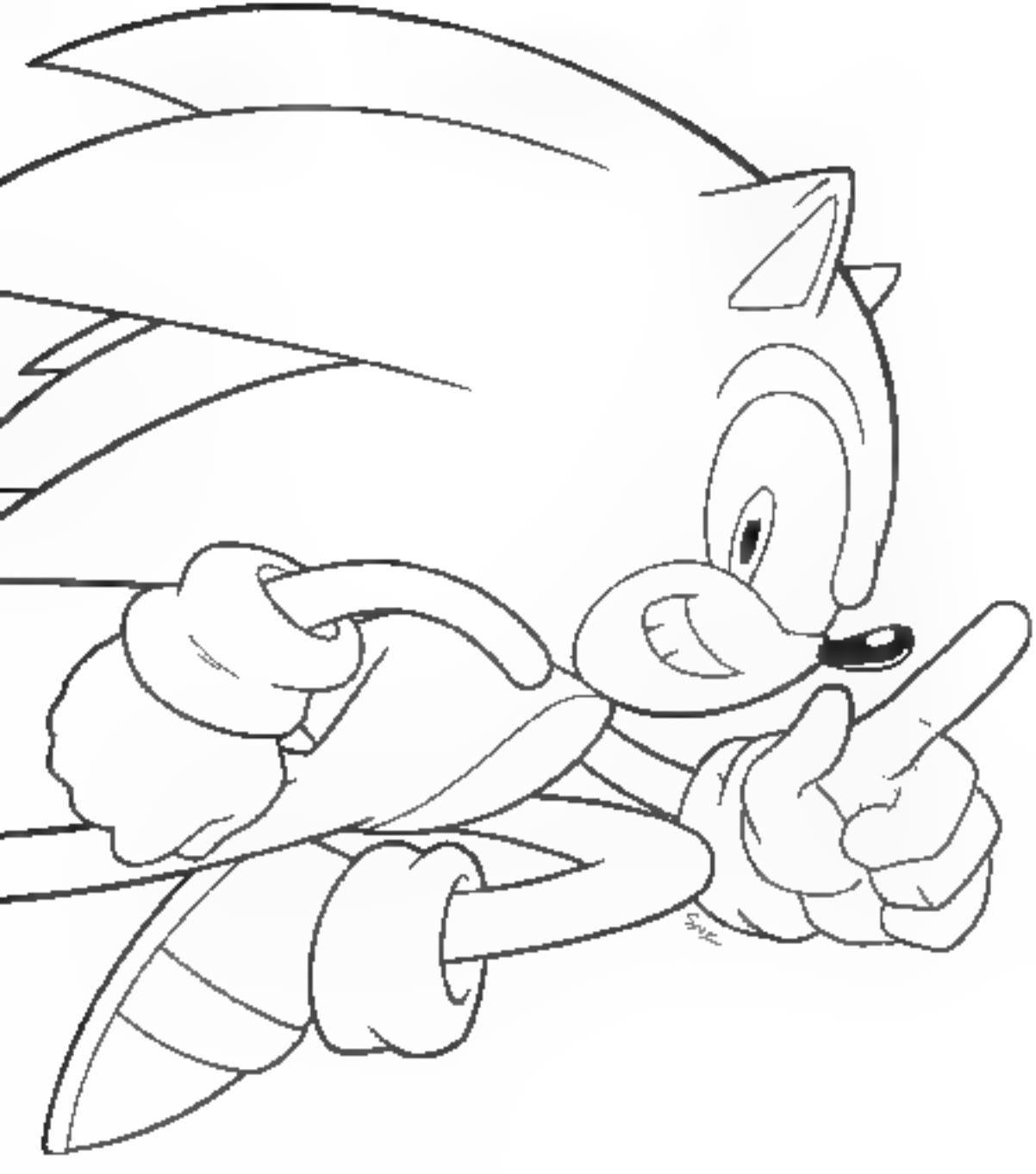

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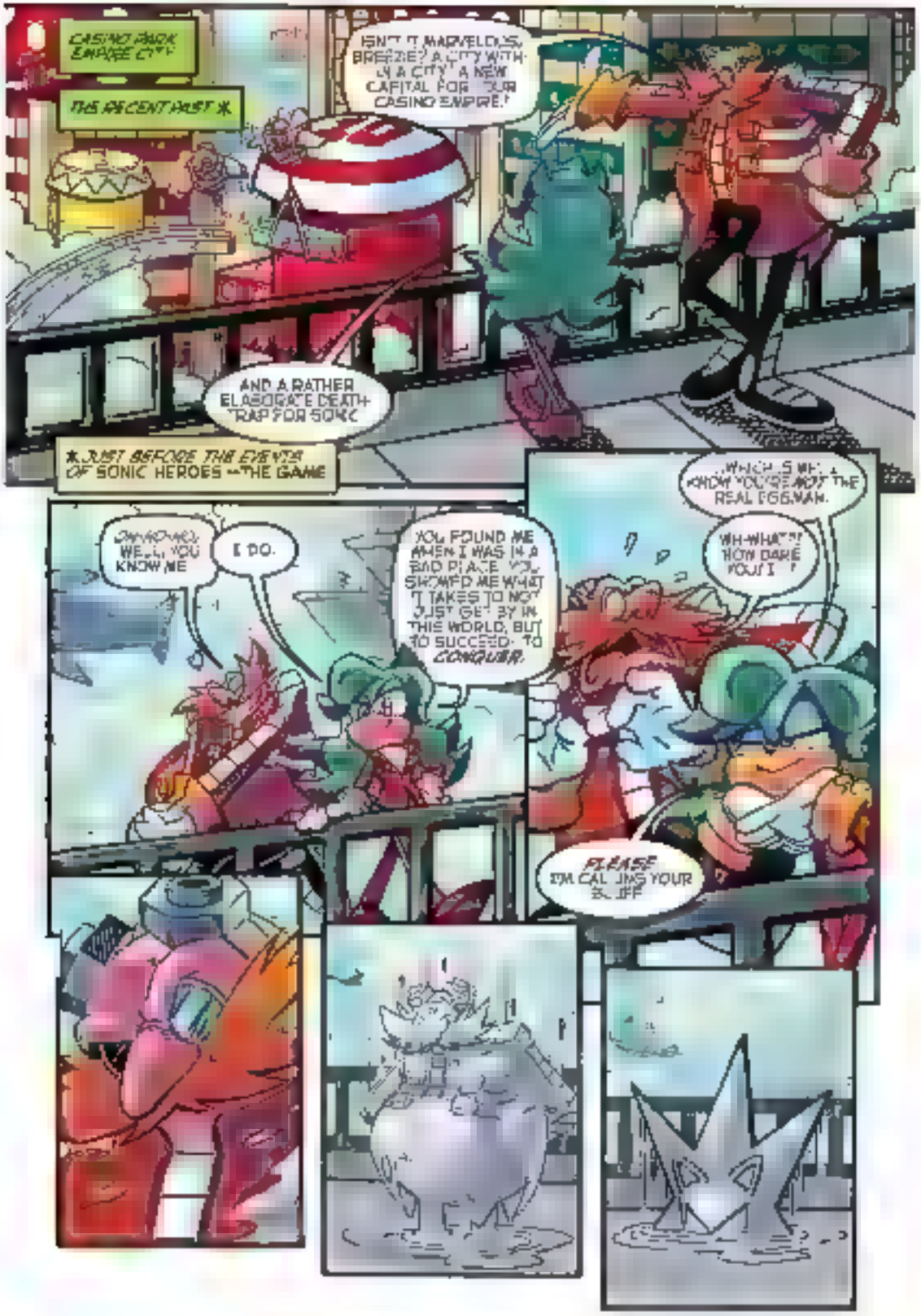
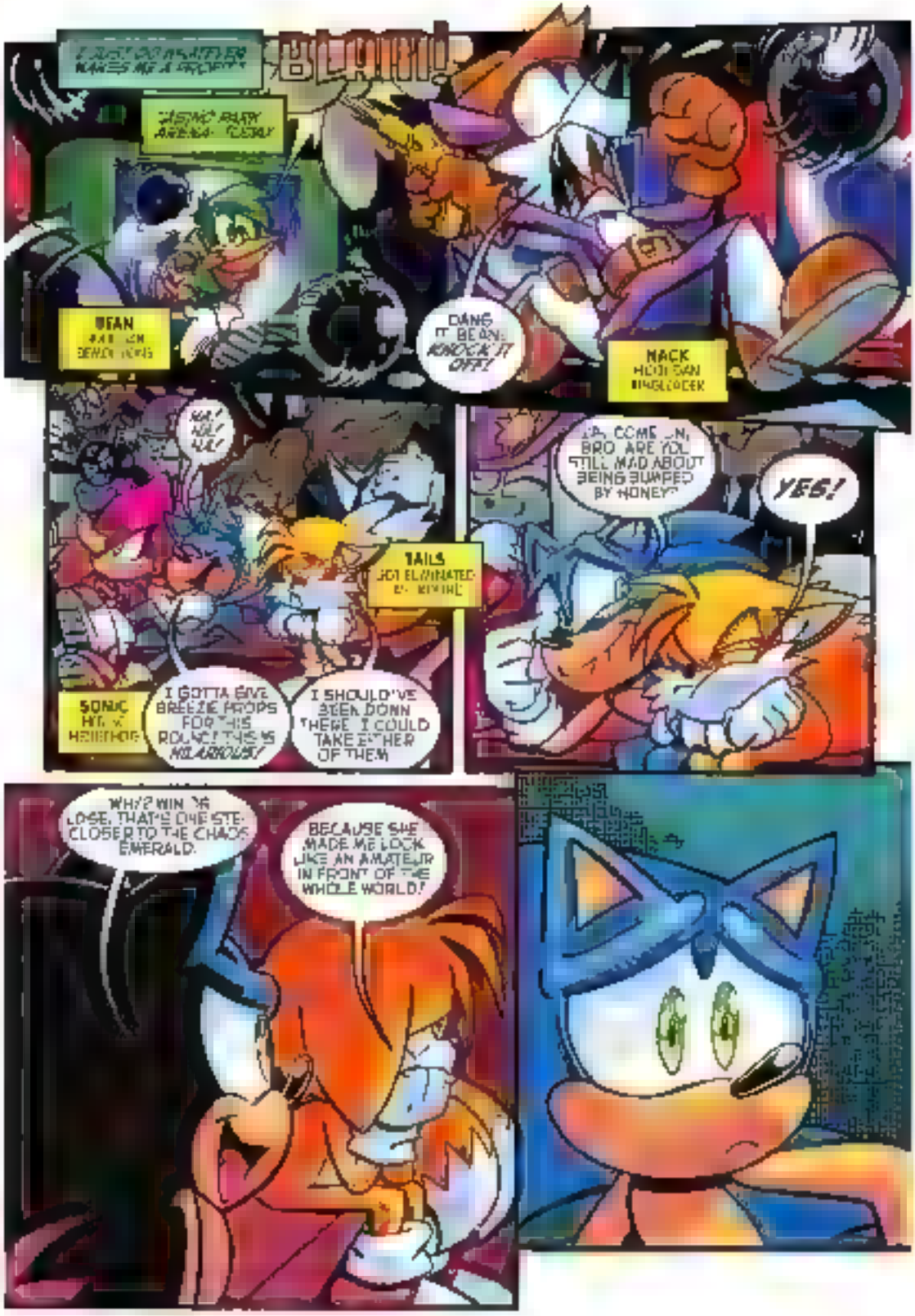
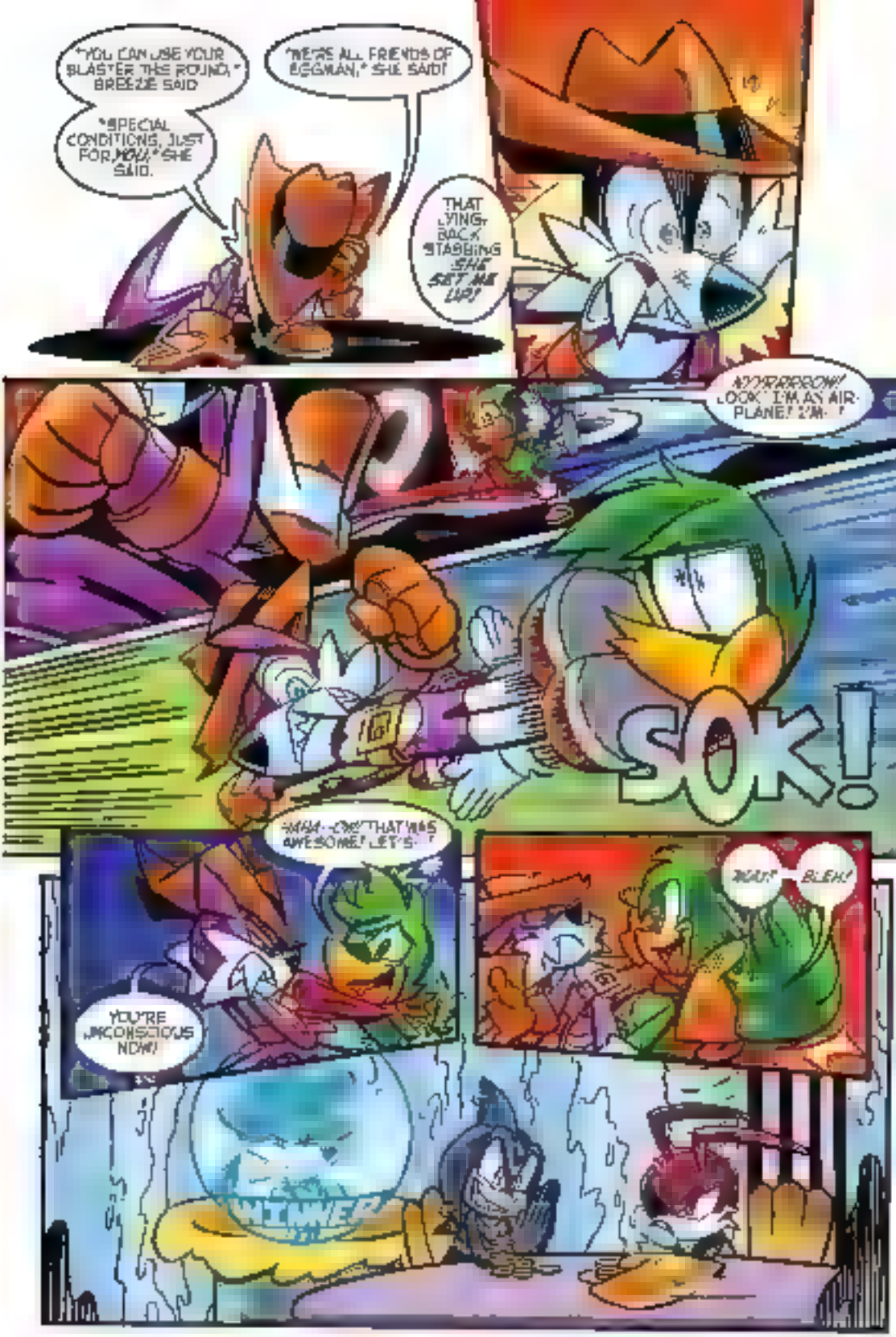

CASINO PARK EMPIRE CITY
THE RECENT PAST *
ISN'T IT MARVELOUS, BREEZIE? A CITY WITHIN A CITY! A NEW CAPITAL FOR YOUR CASINO EMPIRE!
AND A RATHER ELABORATE DEATH-TRAP FOR SONIC
* JUST BEFORE THE EVENTS OF SONIC HEROES — THE GAME
OH-HO-HO, WELL, YOU KNOW ME
I DO.
YOU FOUND ME WHEN I WAS IN A BAD PLACE. YOU SHOWED ME WHAT IT TAKES TO NOT JUST GET BY IN THIS WORLD, BUT TO SUCCEED. TO CONQUER.
...WHICH IS WHY I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE REAL EGGMAN.
WH-WHAT?! HOW DARE YOU! I...!
PLEASE I'M CALLING YOUR BLUFF

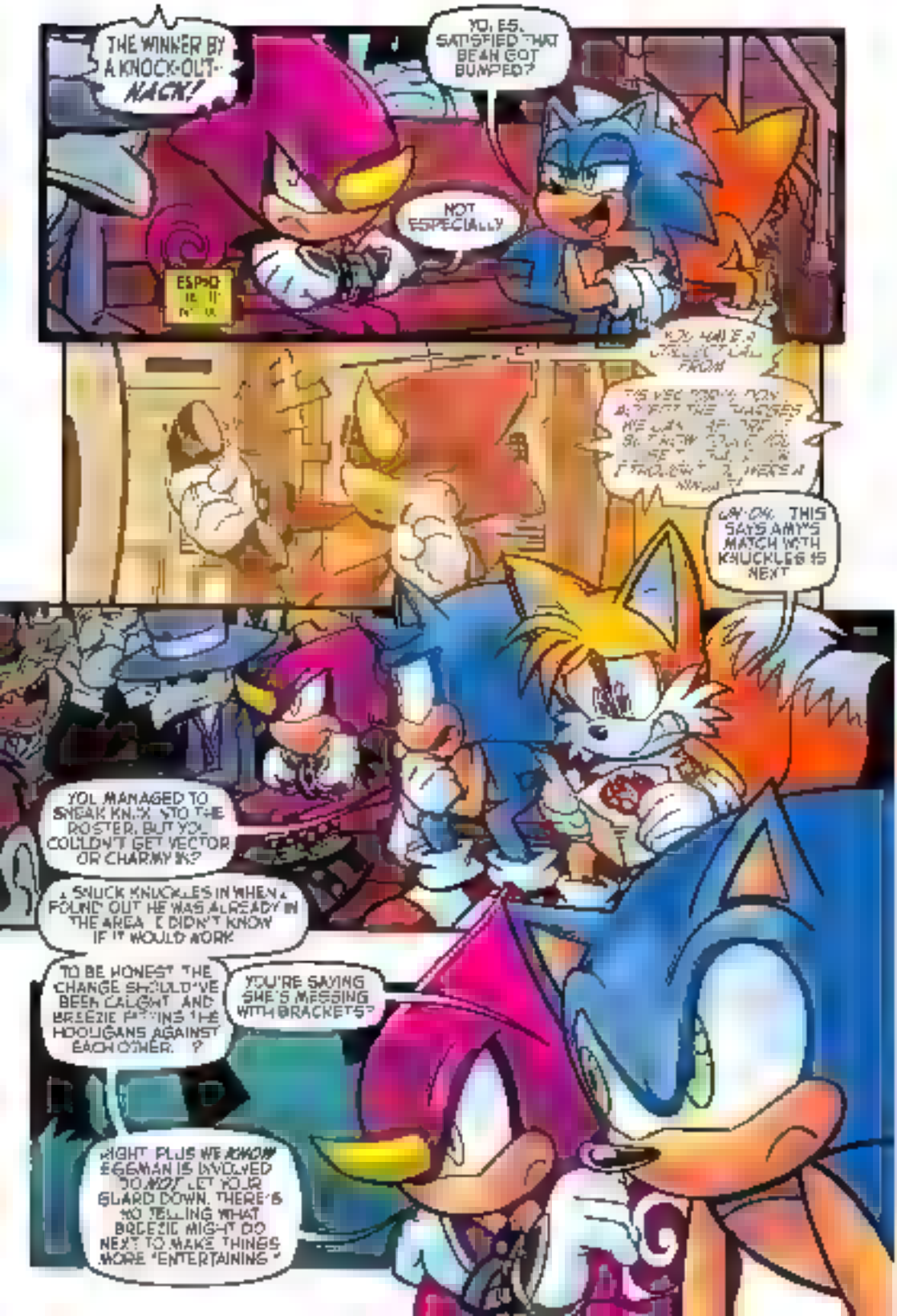
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN?
SINCE THE BEGINNING. THERE'S NO WAY THE REAL DOCTOR WOULD BE SO GENEROUS IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS
IF YOU TRY TO WARN SONIC OR ANYONE ELSE
AND WHY WOULD I DO THAT? IT'S LIKE YOU SAID--I'M GETTING A NEW CAPITAL FOR MY ECONOMIC EMPIRE
WE'RE NOT SO DIFFERENT METAL SONIC
NEO METAL SONIC
LOOKIN' SEE? YOU'RE BRANCHING OUT FROM THE DOCTOR BECOMING YOUR OWN MAN WITH YOUR OWN AGENDA
YOUR BUSINESS WITH SONIC IS JUST THAT MY BUSINESS.
HEHO, VILLAIN. I DON'T TAKE SIDES

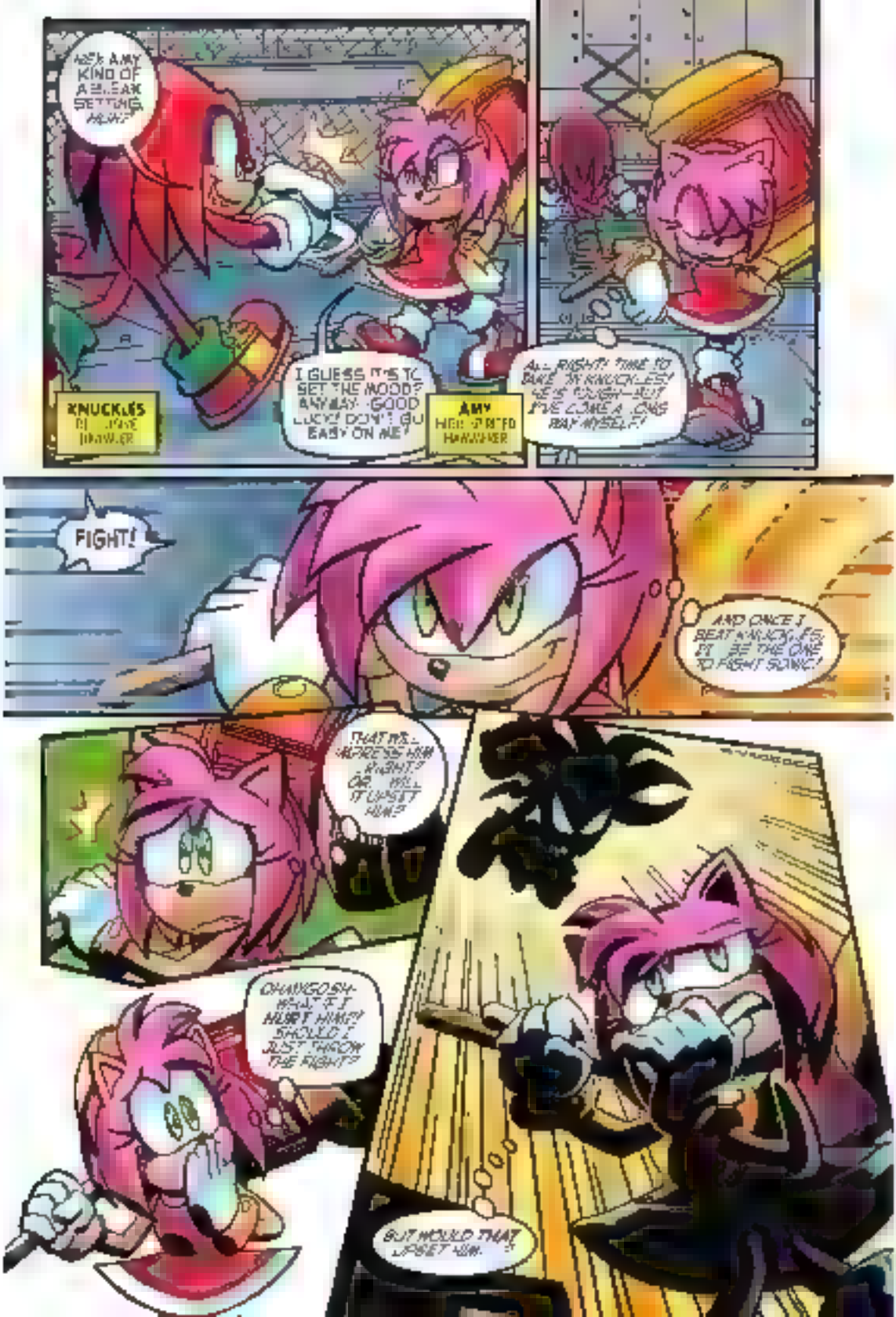

BLAM!
DANG IT BEAN! KNOCK IT OFF!
BEAN
MACK
HA! HA! HA!
TAILS
I GOTTA GIVE BREEZIE PROPS FOR THIS ROUND! THIS IS HILARIOUS!
I SHOULD'VE BEEN DOWN THERE. I COULD TAKE EITHER OF THEM
SONIC
HEY, COME ON, BRO. ARE YOU STILL MAD ABOUT BEING BUMPED BY HONEY?
YES!
WHY? WIN OR LOSE, THAT'S ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE CHAOS EMERALD.
BECAUSE SHE MADE ME LOOK LIKE AN AMATEUR IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE WORLD!

ALL RIGHT SO THAT WAS EMBARRASSING BUT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT YOU'RE MY GO TO GUY
WHAT'S ONE FIGHT COMPARED TO ALL THE TIMES WE'VE KICKED EGGMAN'S BUTT?
TAILS! THE KID WHO KEEPS SONIC RUNNING!
TAILS! THE HERO WHO SAVED STATION SQUARE
TAILS, THE GUY WHO TOOK ONE FOR THE TEAM AND DIDN'T MOPE ABOUT IT ALL DAY!
HA YEAH, YEAH, I GET IT ALREADY
"THANKS, SONIC. I JUST FEEL LIKE I'VE GOTTA PROVE MYSELF SOMETIMES. YOU'RE A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW
YEAH WELL I COUNT ON YOU TO FOLLOW AND WATCH MY BACK
NOW LET'S GET BACK TO WATCHING EGGMAN'S TWO STOOGES!

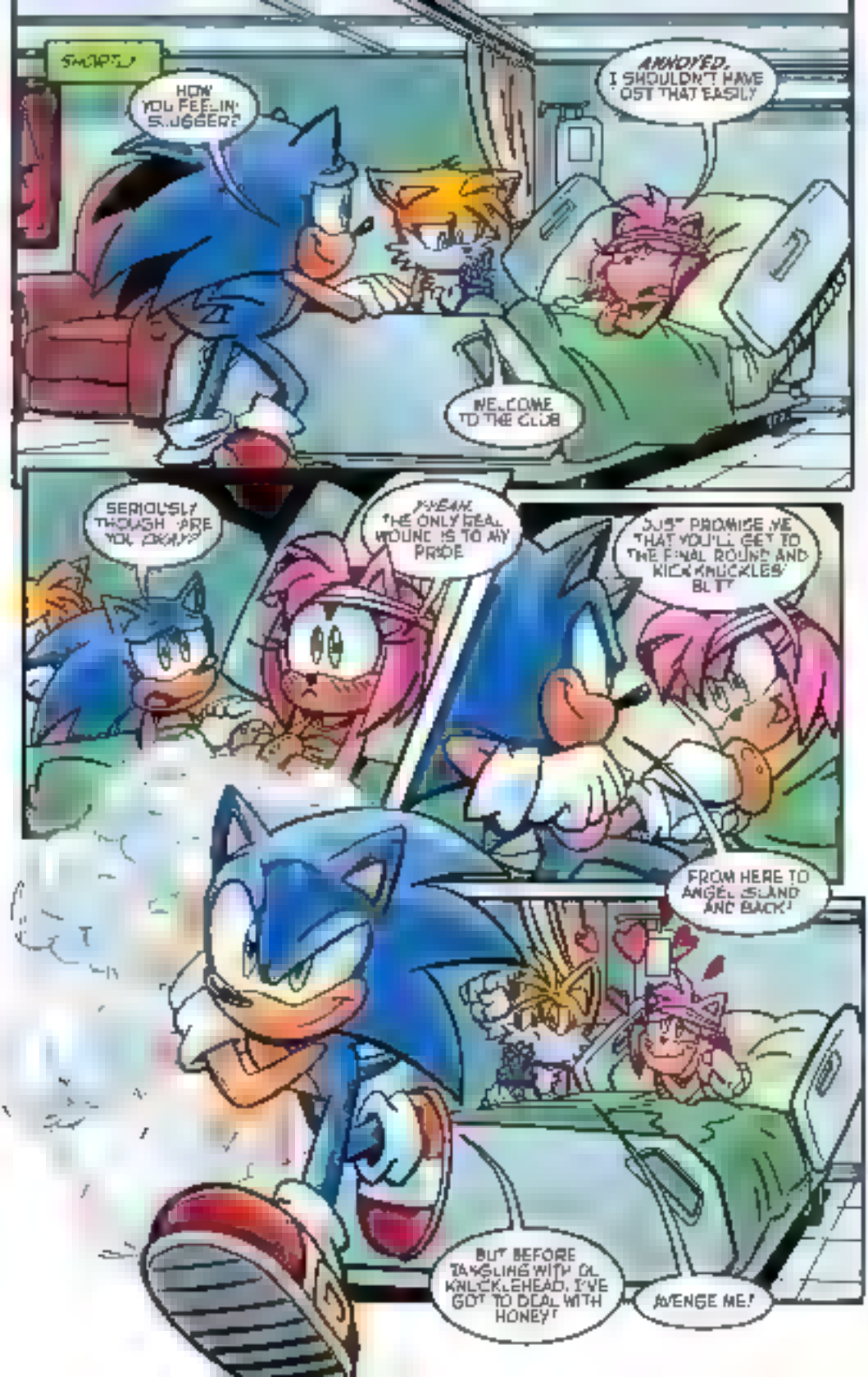
I'M HEAD OF THIS GANG.
I'M DROPPING YOU TO TAKE A DIVE FOR ME!
GRNK!
WAIT... WHAT EVEN IS THIS?
HEYYY
THAT PLUMBER LIED TO ME!

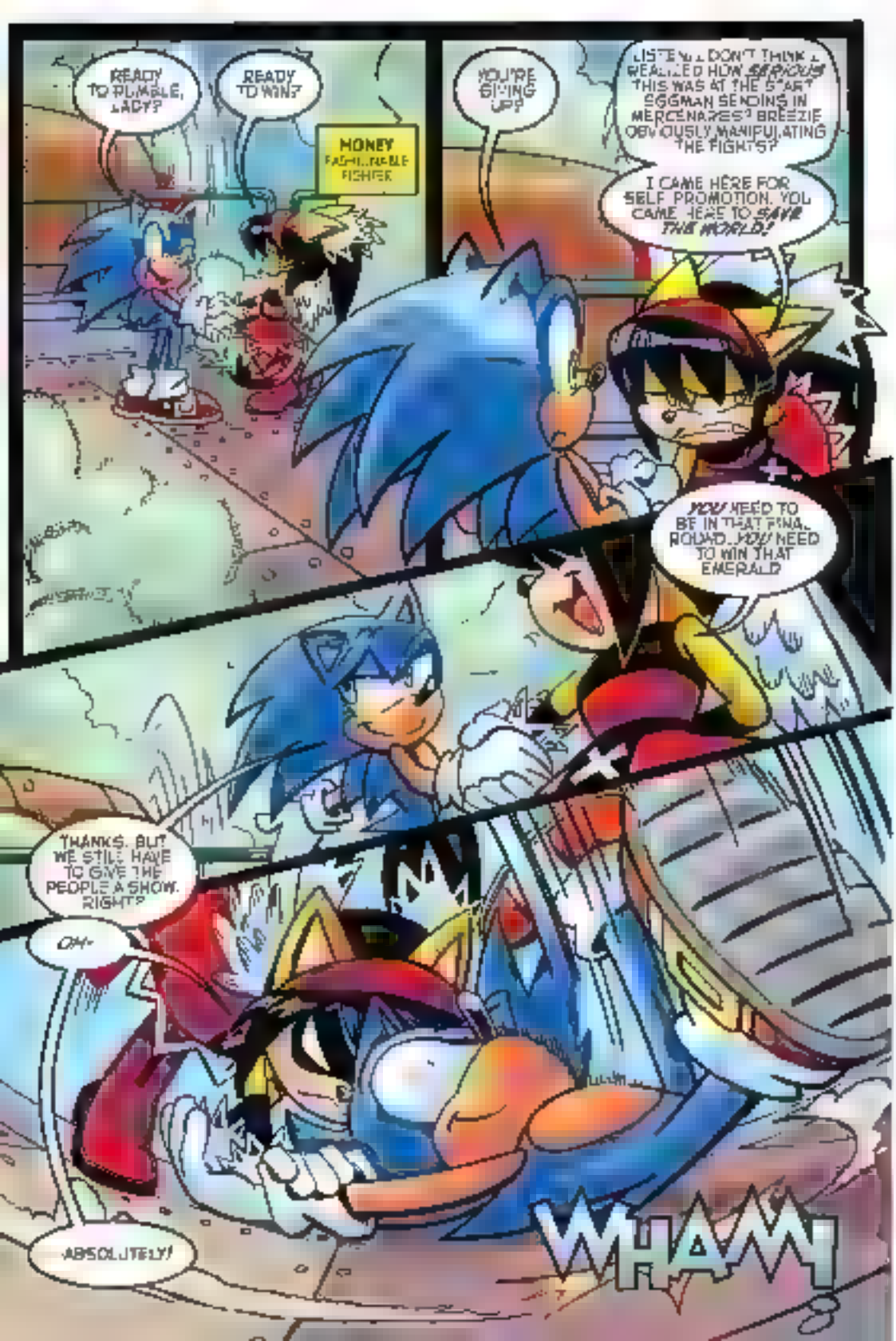

"YOU CAN USE YOUR BLASTER THIS ROUND," BREEZIE SAID
"SPECIAL CONDITIONS, JUST FOR YOU," SHE SAID.
"WE'RE ALL FRIENDS OF EGGMAN," SHE SAID!
THAT LYING, BACK STABBING SHE SET ME UP!
NYYRRRROW! LOOK! I'M AN AIR-PLANE! I'M-!
SOK!
YOU'RE UNCONSCIOUS NOW!
BLEH!

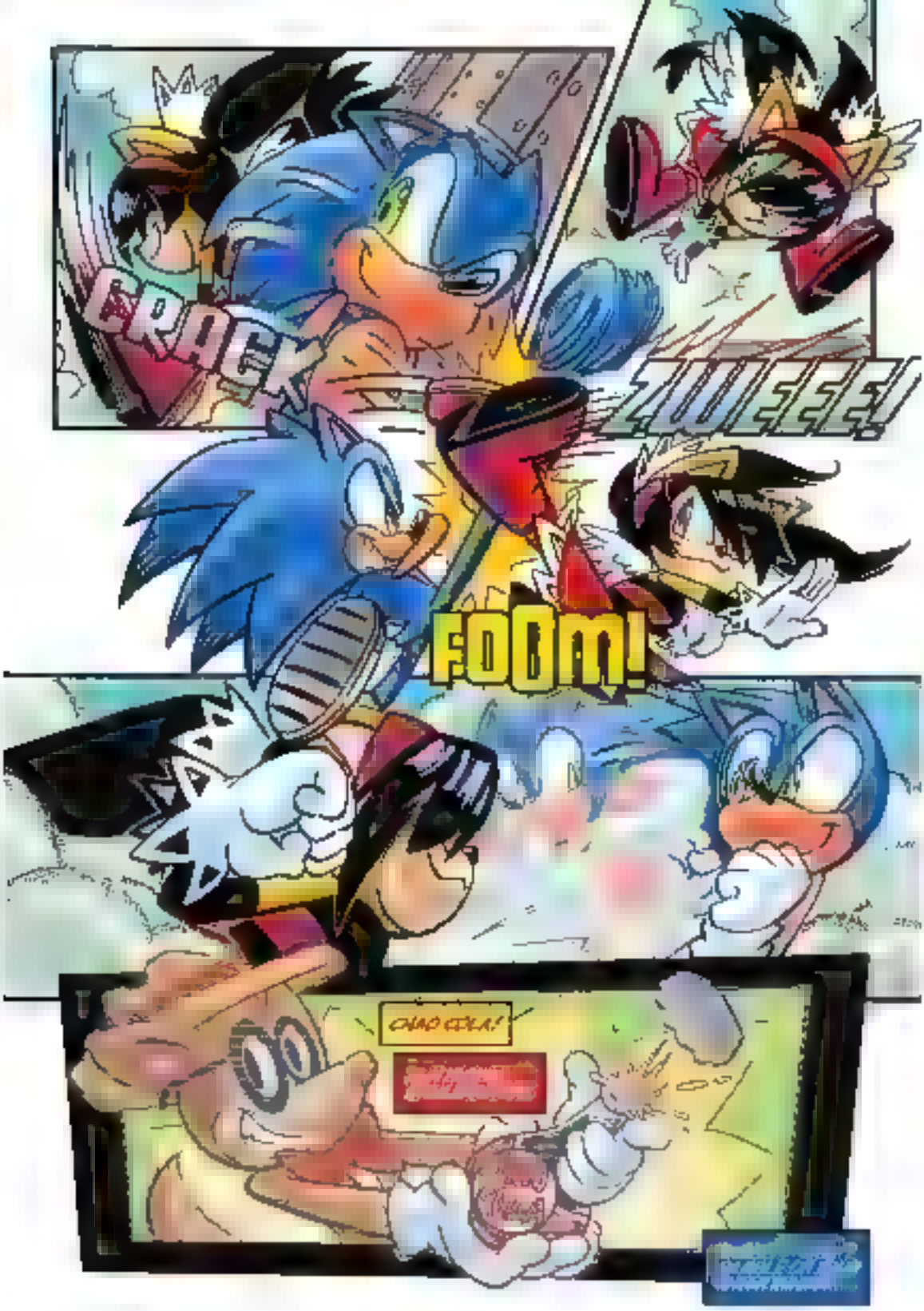

THE WINNER BY A KNOCK-OUT... NACK!
YO, ES. SATISFIED THAT BEAN GOT BUMPED?
NOT ESPECIALLY
ESPIO IS IT NOW
OH-OH. THIS SAYS AMY'S MATCH WITH KNUCKLES IS NEXT
YOU MANAGED TO SNEAK KNUX INTO THE ROSTER, BUT YOU COULDN'T GET VECTOR OR CHARMY IN?
I SNUCK KNUCKLES IN WHEN I FOUND OUT HE WAS ALREADY IN THE AREA. I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WOULD WORK
TO BE HONEST THE CHANGE SHOULD'VE BEEN CAUGHT. AND BREEZIE PITTING THE HOOLIGANS AGAINST EACH OTHER...?
YOU'RE SAYING SHE'S MESSING WITH BRACKETS?
RIGHT. PLUS WE KNOW EGGMAN IS INVOLVED SO DO NOT LET YOUR GUARD DOWN. THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT BREEZIE MIGHT DO NEXT TO MAKE THINGS MORE "ENTERTAINING"


HEY, AMY KIND OF A BLEAK SETTING, HUH?
I GUESS IT'S TO SET THE MOOD? ANYWAY - GOOD LUCK! DON'T GO EASY ON ME!
KNUCKLES
AMY
ALL RIGHT! TIME TO TAKE ON KNUCKLES! HE'S TOUGH - BUT I'VE COME A LONG WAY MYSELF!
FIGHT!
AND ONCE I BEAT KNUCKLES, I'LL BE THE ONE TO FIGHT SONIC!
THAT WILL IMPRESS HIM RIGHT? OR... WILL IT UPSET HIM?
OHMYGOSH - WHAT IF I HURT HIM?! SHOULD I JUST THROW THE FIGHT?
BUT WOULD THAT UPSET HIM...?

WHAM!
SLAM!
I I THOUGHT WE WERE FIGHTING?
WINNER


SNORT!
HOW YOU FEELIN', SLUGGER?
ANNOYED. I SHOULDN'T HAVE GOT THAT EASILY
WELCOME TO THE CLUB
SERIOUSLY THOUGH. ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH. THE ONLY REAL WOUND IS TO MY PRIDE
JUST PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL GET TO THE FINAL ROUND AND KICK KNUCKLES' BUTT
FROM HERE TO ANGEL ISLAND AND BACK!
BUT BEFORE TANGLING WITH OL' KNUCKLEHEAD, I'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH HONEY!
AVENGE ME!


READY TO RUMBLE, LADY?
READY TO WIN?
MONEY
FASHIONABLE FIGHTER
YOU'RE GIVING UP?
LISTEN, I DON'T THINK I REALIZED HOW SERIOUS THIS WAS AT THE START. EGGMAN SENDING IN MERCENARIES? BREEZIE OBVIOUSLY MANIPULATING THE FIGHTS?
I CAME HERE FOR SELF PROMOTION. YOU CAME HERE TO SAVE THIS WORLD!
YOU NEED TO BE IN THAT FINAL ROUND. YOU NEED TO WIN THAT EMERALD
THANKS. BUT WE STILL HAVE TO GIVE THE PEOPLE A SHOW, RIGHT?
OH-
ABSOLUTELY!
WHAM!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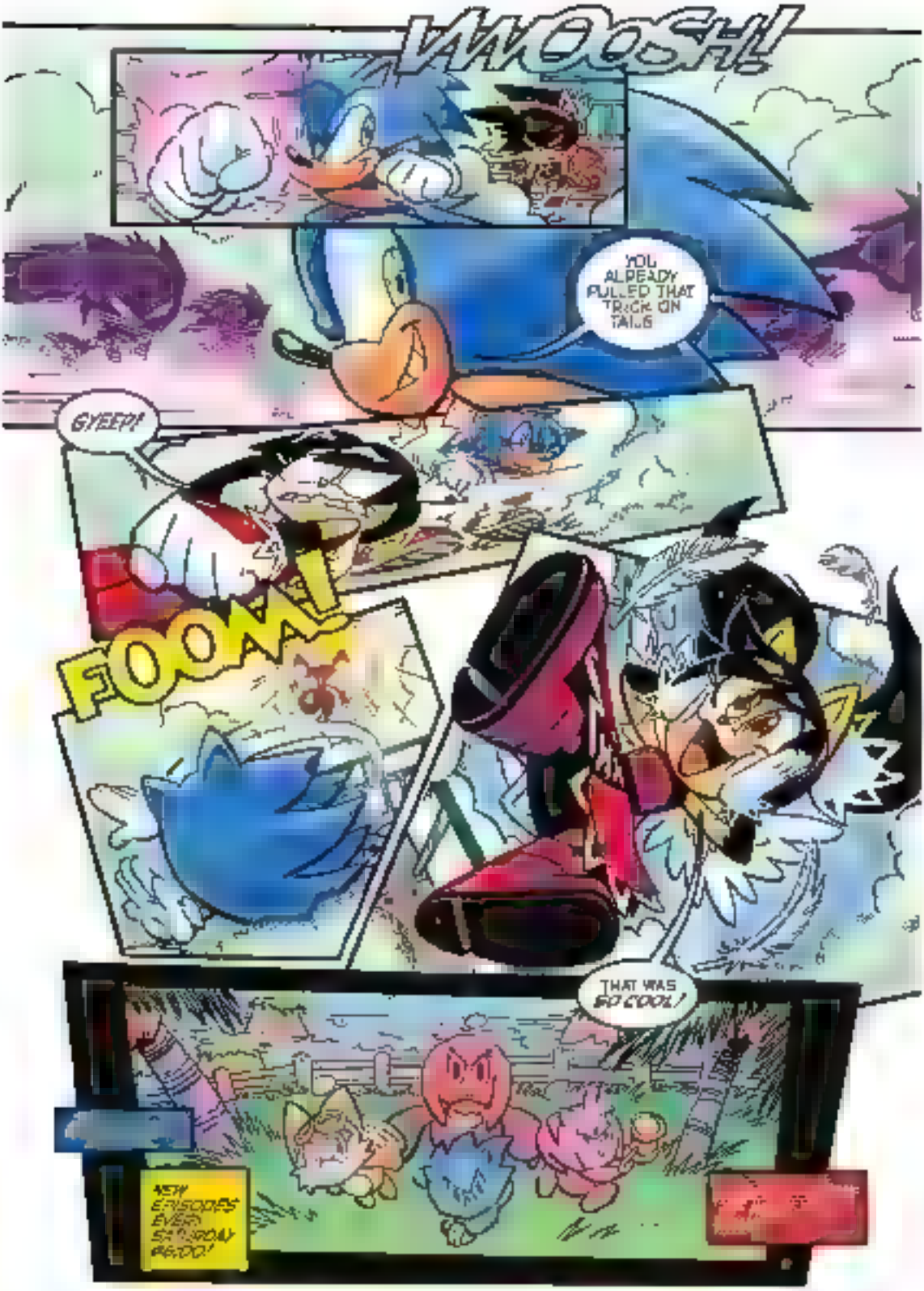
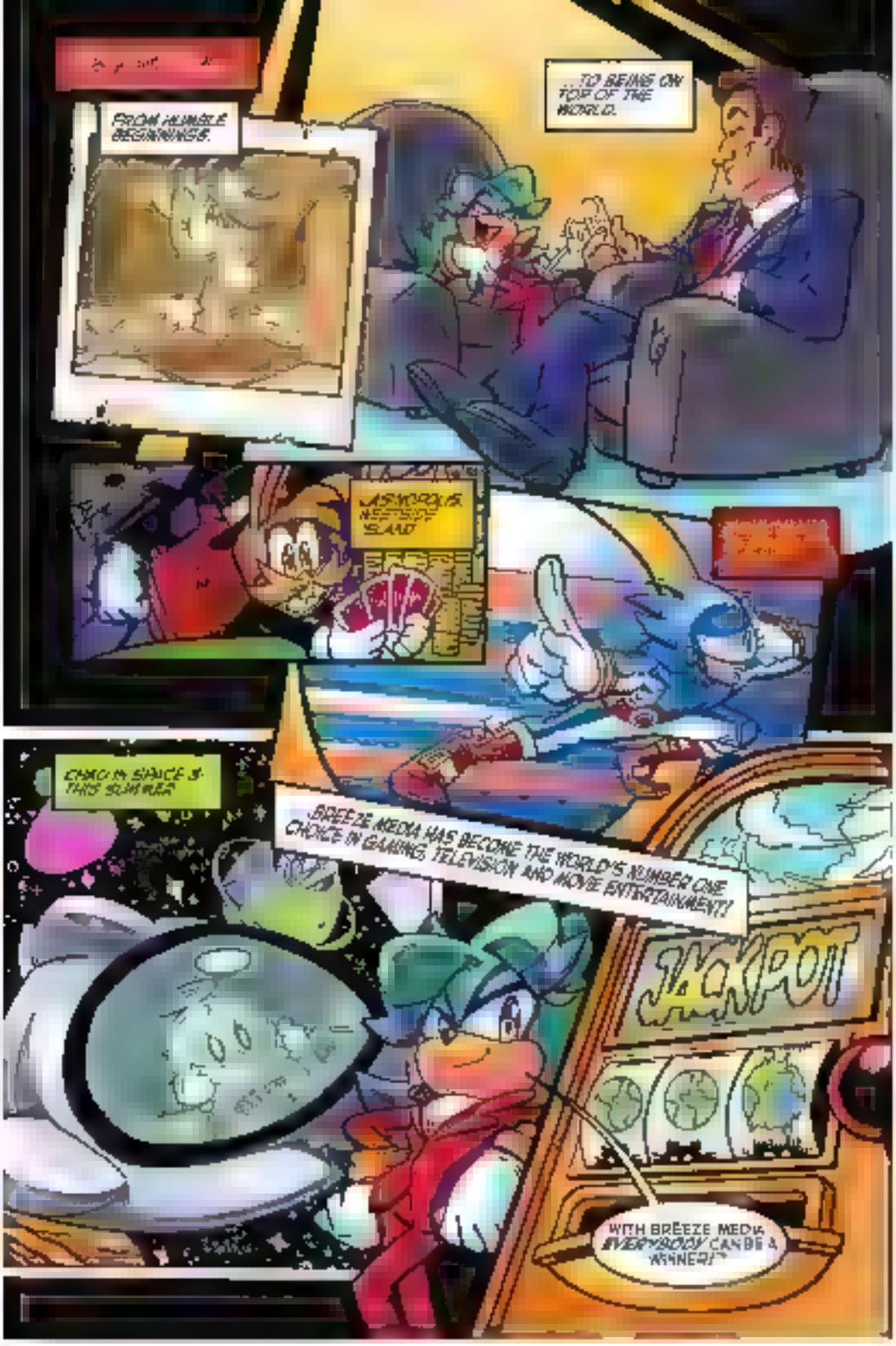
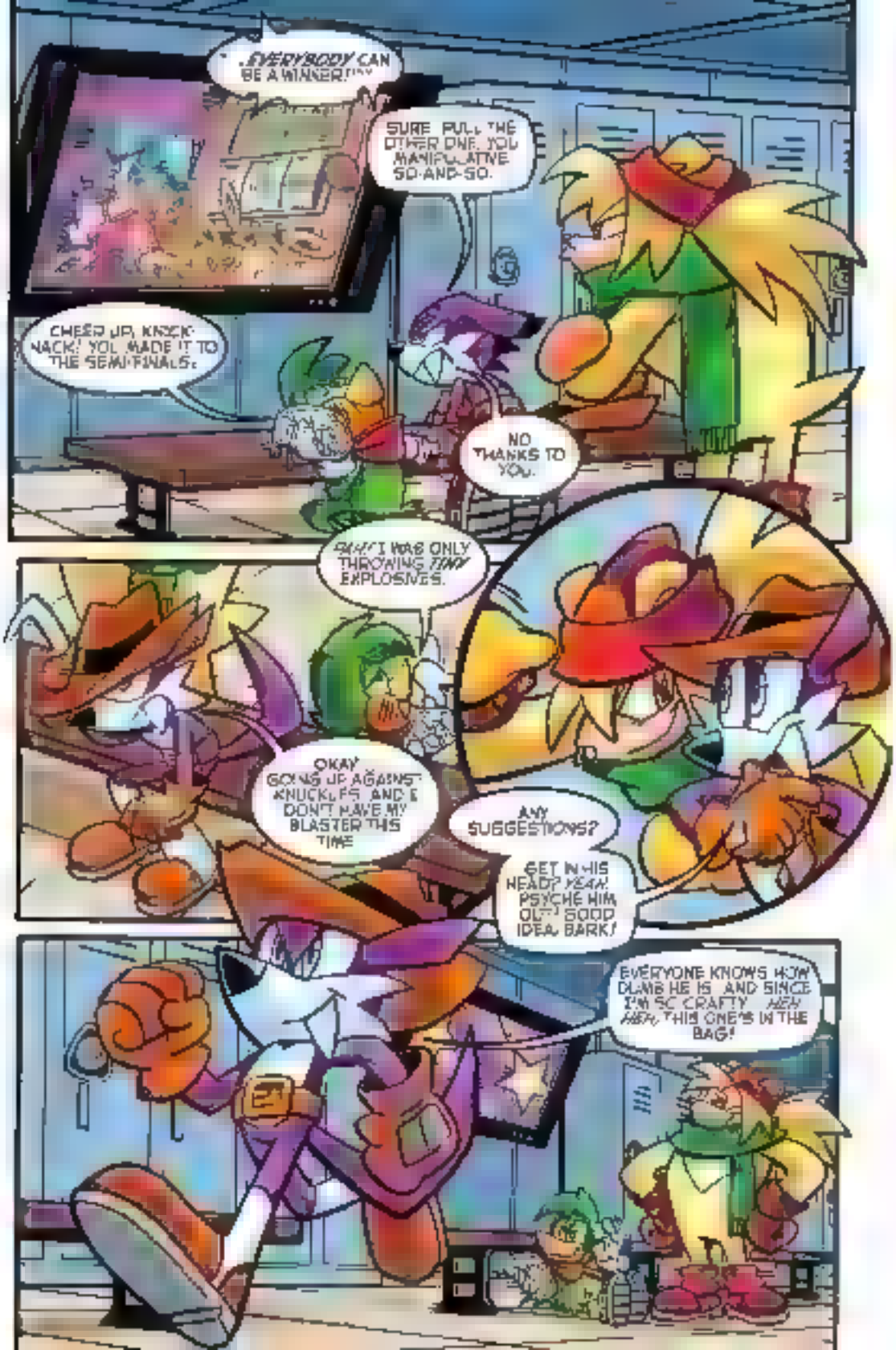
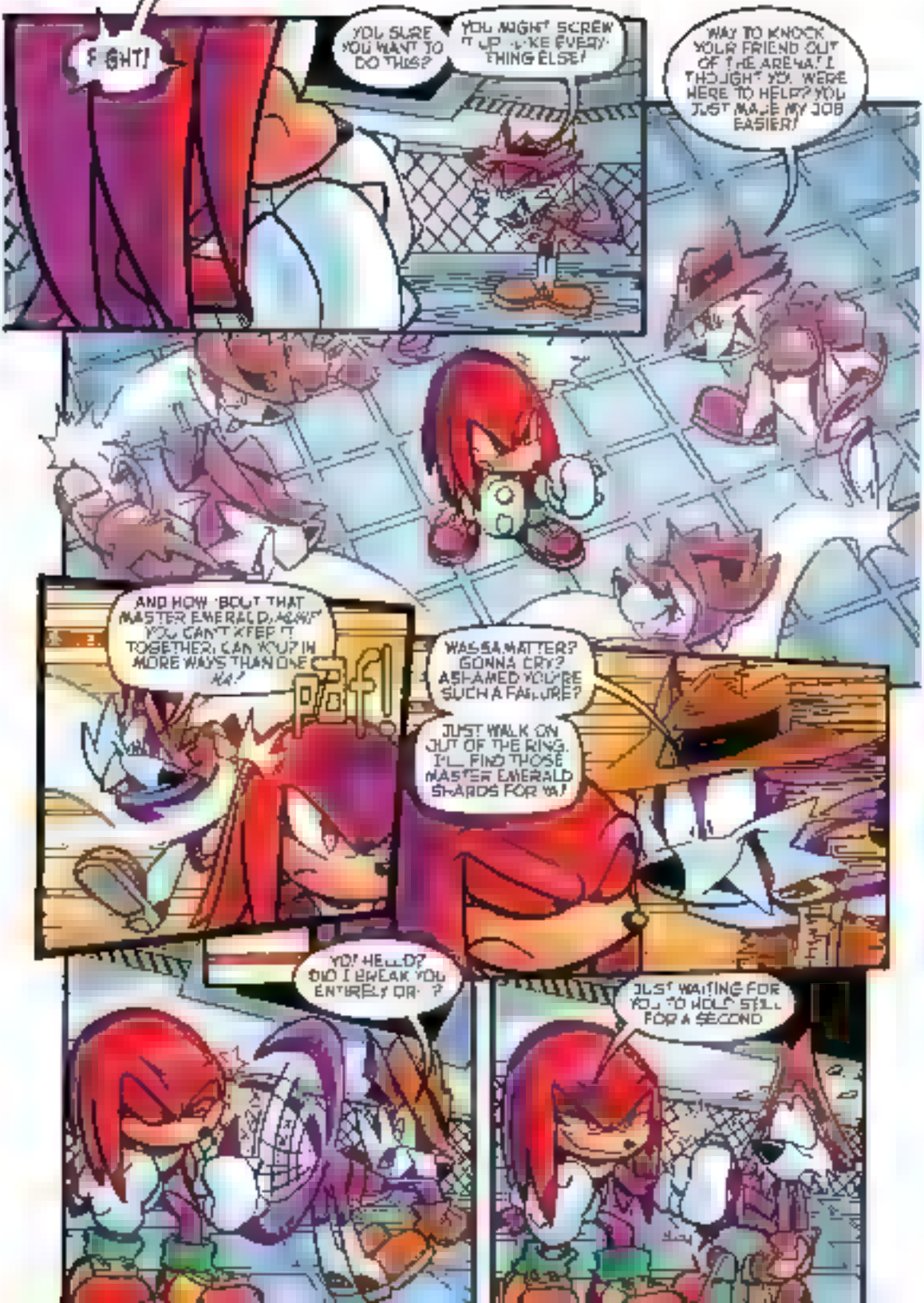
ZWEEE!
FOOM!
CIAO CICLA!

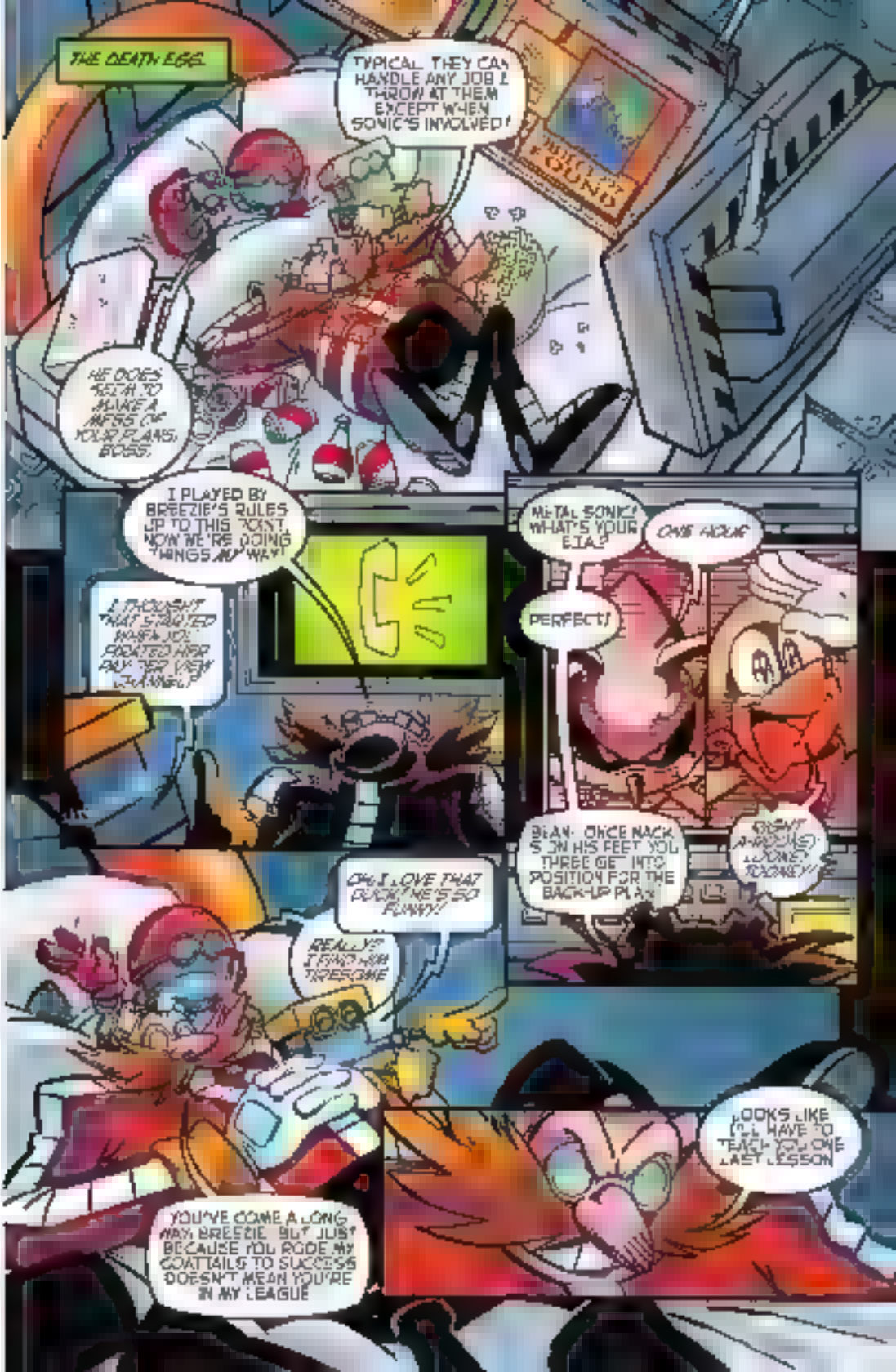

VAVOOSH!
YOU ALREADY PULLED THAT TRICK ON TAILS
GYEEP!
FOOM!
THAT WAS SO COOL!
NEW EPISODES EVERY SATURDAY MORNING!


FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS...
...TO BEING ON TOP OF THE WORLD.
ASPHODELIS NETWORK SLAIN!
CHAOS IN SPACE IS THIS SCUM'S FAULT!
BREEZE MEDIA HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE CHOICE IN GAMING, TELEVISION AND MOVIE ENTERTAINMENT!
JACKPOT
WITH BREEZE MEDIA, EVERYBODY CAN BE A WINNER!

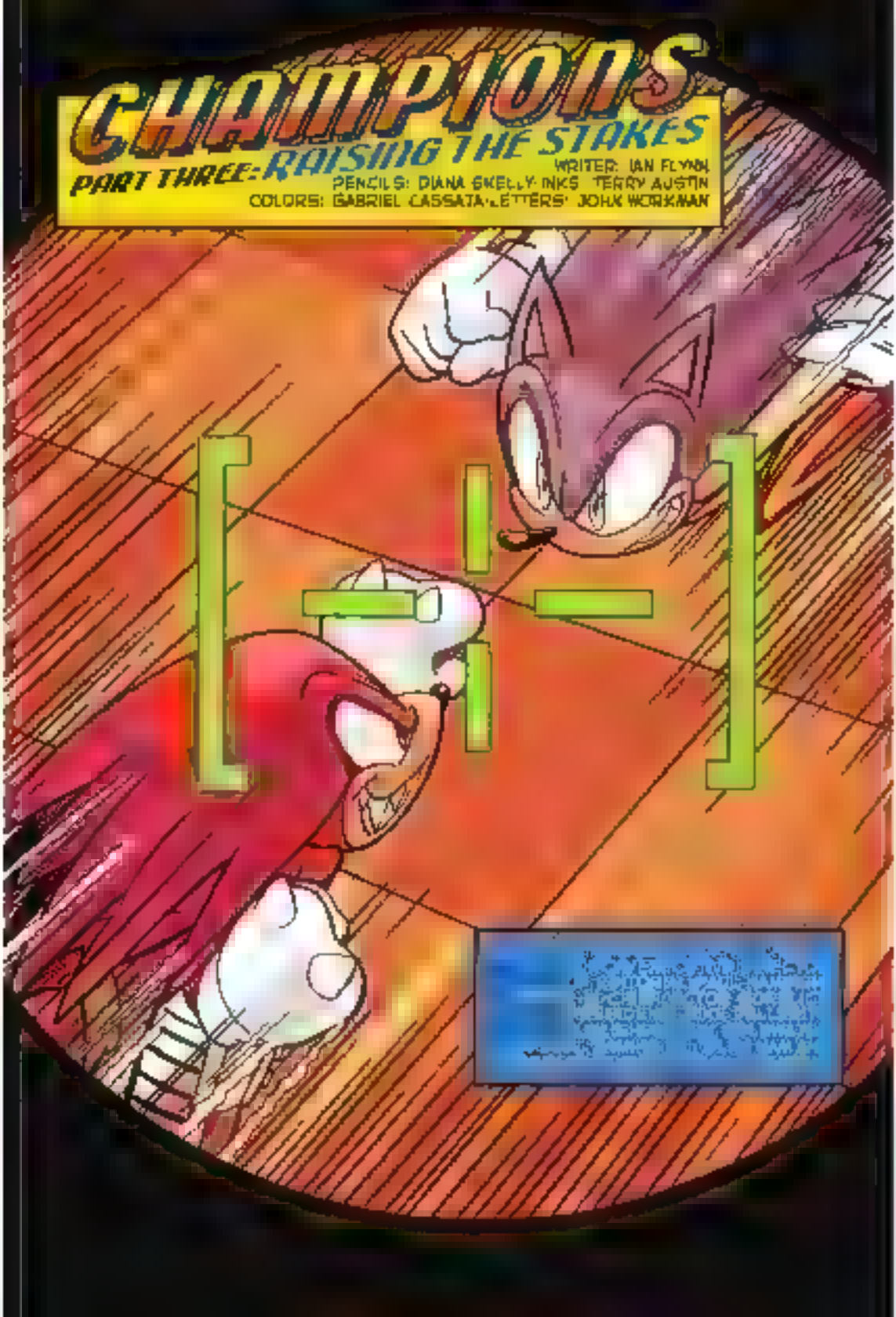

EVERYBODY CAN BE A WINNER!
SURE. PULL THE OTHER ONE, YOU MANIPULATIVE SO-AND-SO.
CHEER UP, KNUCK-NACK! YOU MADE IT TO THE SEMI-FINALS.
NO THANKS TO YOU.
AW! I WAS ONLY THROWING TINY EXPLOSIVES.
OKAY. GOING UP AGAINST KNUCKLES AND I DON'T HAVE MY BLASTER THIS TIME.
ANY SUGGESTIONS?
GET IN HIS HEAD? YEAH! PSYCHE HIM OUT? GOOD IDEA, BARK!
EVERYONE KNOWS HOW DUMB HE IS. AND SINCE I'M SO CRAFTY. HEH HEH. THIS ONE'S IN THE BAG!


FIGHT!
YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
YOU MIGHT SCREW IT UP LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE!
WAY TO KNOCK YOUR FRIEND OUT OF THE ARENA! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HERE TO HELP? YOU JUST MADE MY JOB EASIER!
AND HOW 'BOUT THAT MASTER EMERALD, AGAIN? YOU CAN'T KEEP IT TOGETHER, CAN YOU? IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE HA!
PAF!
WASSA MATTER? GONNA CRY? ASHAMED YOU'RE SUCH A FAILURE?
JUST WALK ON OUT OF THE RING. I'LL FIND THOSE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS FOR YA!
YO! HELLO? DID I BREAK YOU ENTIRELY OR- ?
JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO HOLD STILL FOR A SECOND

WHAM!
WHAM
THWOK!
CRASH!
WINNER


THE DEATH EGG.
TYPICAL. THEY CAN HANDLE ANY JOB I THROW AT THEM EXCEPT WHEN SONIC'S INVOLVED!
HE DOES SEEM TO MAKE A MESS OF YOUR PLANS, BOSS.
I PLAYED BY BREEZIE'S RULES UP TO THIS POINT. NOW WE'RE DOING THINGS MY WAY!
I THOUGHT THAT STARTED WHEN YOU PIRATED HER PAY PER VIEW CHANNEL!
METAL SONIC! WHAT'S YOUR E.T.A.?
ONE HOUR
PERFECT!
BEAN. ONCE NACK IS ON HIS FEET YOU THREE GET INTO POSITION FOR THE BACK-UP PLAN.
RIGHT A-ROUND! LOONEY TOONEY!
OH, I LOVE THAT DUCK! HE'S SO FUNNY!
REALLY? I FIND HIM TIRESOME
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BREEZIE. BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU RODE MY COATTAILS TO SUCCESS DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE IN MY LEAGUE
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO TEACH YOU ONE LAST LESSON

NO FANCY SETTING THIS TIME? I GUESS SPEEDIE DOESN'T WANT ANY DISTRACTIONS FROM THE MAIN EVENT
THEN WE'D BETTER PUT ON A GOOD SHOW! TRY TO LAST MORE THAN ONE ROUND, OKAY?
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I KICKED YOUR BUTT? THREE? FOUR?
AW. NOW I FEEL BAD. I MUST'VE BEATEN YOU UP SO BAD IN THE PAST, YOU'VE BECOME DELUSIONAL.
THAT'S RIGHT, BOYS. LAUGH IT UP.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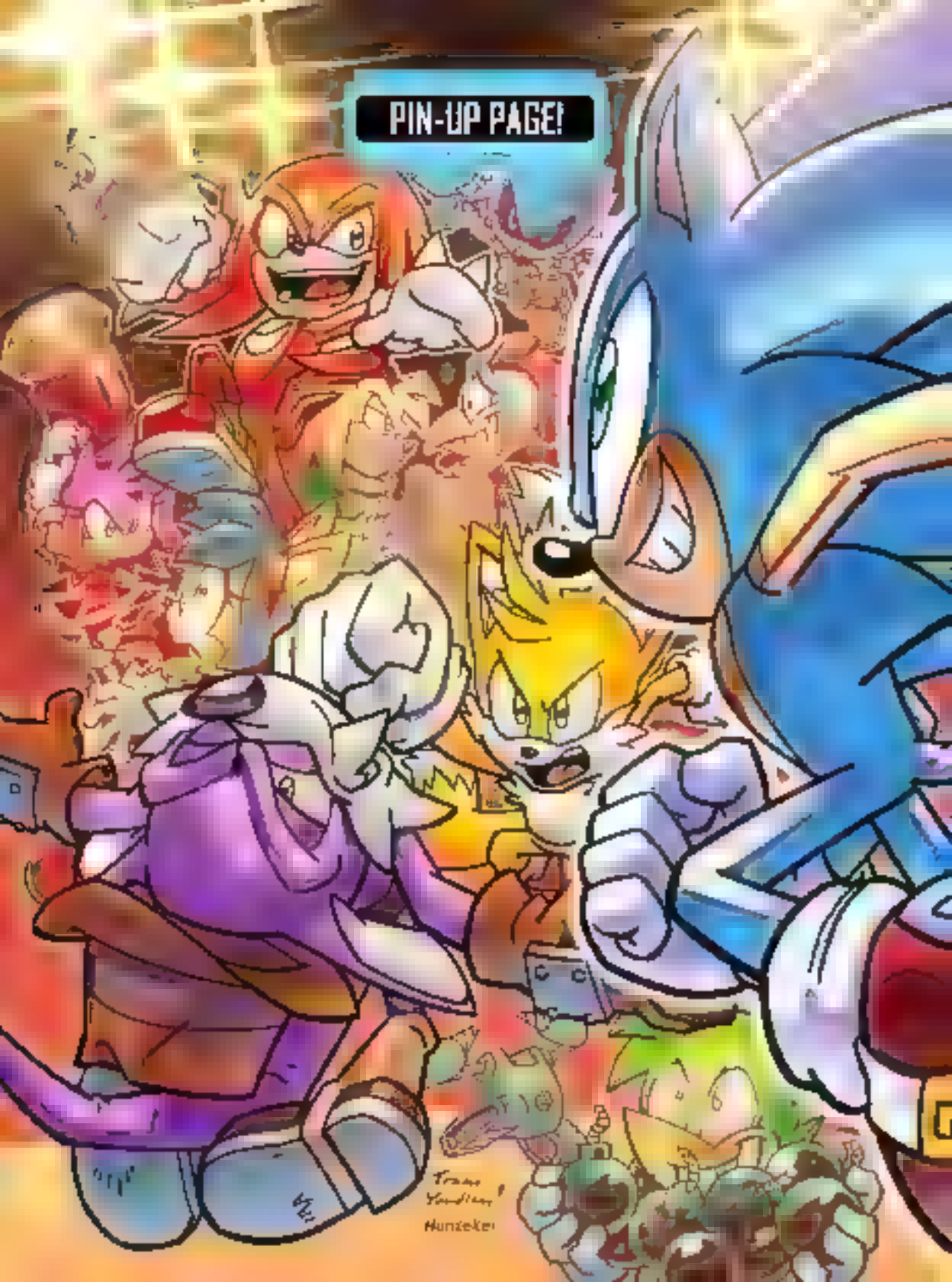
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FINALE: THE ONE LEFT STANDING

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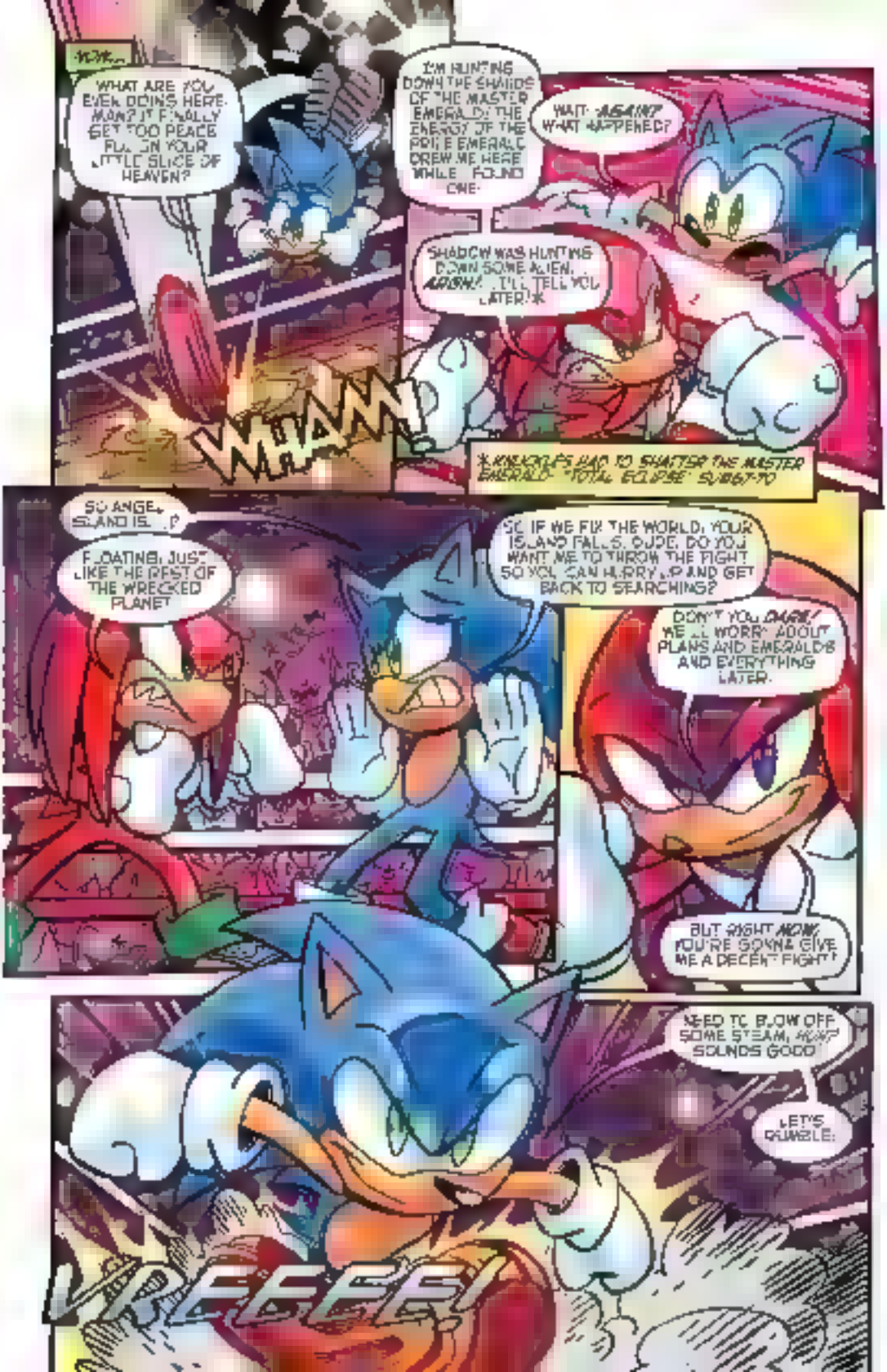
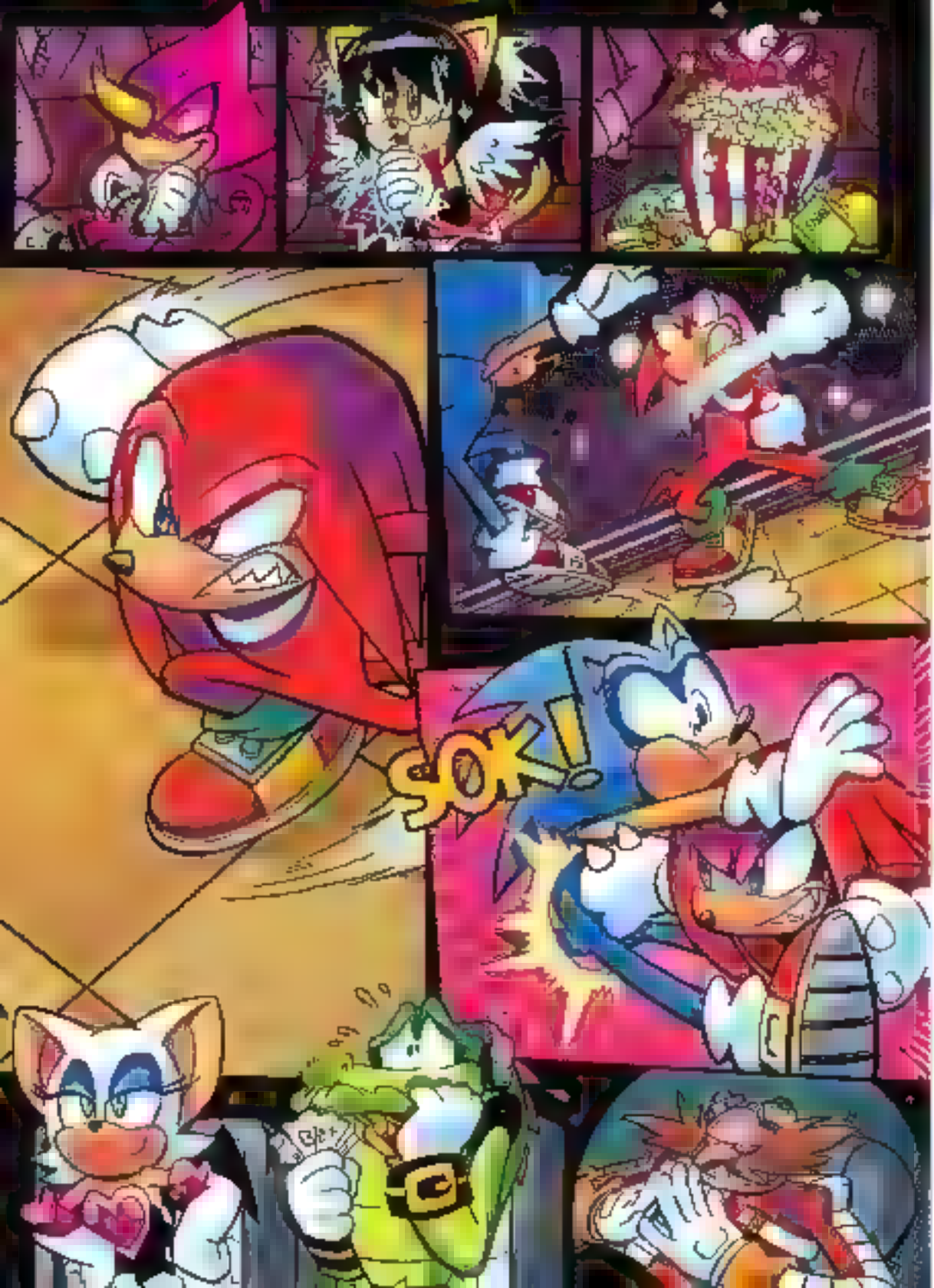
THOK!
BRING BACK MEMORIES?
HA, YEAH! KICKING YOUR BUTT FOR CHAOS EMERALDS NEVER GETS OLD
YOU MEAN *TRYING* TO KICK MY BUTT JUST LIKE YOU'RE *TRYING* TO WIN THIS CHAMPIONSHIP!
YEAH, GIMME ANOTHER MINUTE Y'KNOW, THINKING ABOUT THIS WHOLE TOURNEY, I NEVER STOPPED TO CONSIDER *HOW* GREEZE GOT THAT EMERALD FOR THE PRIZE
HEY! WE'RE FIGHTIN' HERE! TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY!

COCONUTS
WEEKS AGO
SCRATCH
GROUNDER
BOSS! BOSS! LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
WHAM!
I FOUND IT!
NO, I DID!
GENTLEMEN?
BREEZIE
QUEEN OF
ENTERTAINMENT
SAHEM! I WAS OVERSEEING REPAIRS DONE BY THAT WORLD-SHAT *SKING QUAKE *, WHEN I FOUND THIS!
*5TH VOL. 1 GN.
YOU MEAN THE REPAIRS DONE BY THE BADNIKS I COMMISSIONED AND ORGANIZED?
NOBODY WOULD'VE FOUND AND THING WITHOUT MY DIRECTION!
AND THEN I SAW IT AND BROUGHT IT HERE! I DID GOOD, TOO!

BWA-HA-KA-HAA!
THIS IS A LOVELY SURPRISE. THESE THINGS ARE USUALLY SO HARD TO COME BY
WHATCHA GONNA DO WITH IT BOOSS? SELL IT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER??
NO! USE ITS POWER TO TURN YOUR MECHA ENEMYE INTO A LITERAL ENEMYE!
DOH! OHH! MAKE IT INTO A SNOW GLOBE!
WHY NOT DO ALL OF THE ABOVE?
PLL IN A FORTUNE. NCREASE MY FOLLOWERS AND ASH. SHAKE THINGS UP TO MAKE A SPECTACLE OF IT ALL
UM. I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO WITH THIS.


WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING HERE, MAN? IT FINALLY GET TOO PEACE FUL IN YOUR LITTLE SLICE OF HEAVEN?
I'M HUNTING DOWN THE SHARDS OF THE MASTER EMERALD. THE ENERGY OF THE PRIME EMERALD CREW ME WERE WHILE I FOUND ONE.
WAIT. AGAIN? WHAT HAPPENED?
SHADOW WAS HUNTING DOWN SOME ALIEN, ARGH! I'LL TELL YOU LATER!*
WHAM!
*KNUCKLES HAD TO SHATTER THE MASTER EMERALD IN "TOTAL ECLIPSE" SUB67-70
SO ANGEL ISLAND IS...?
FLOATING, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE WRECKED PLANET
SO IF WE FIX THE WORLD, YOUR ISLAND FALLS, DUDE. DO YOU WANT ME TO THROW THE FIGHT SO YOU CAN HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO SEARCHING?
DON'T YOU DARE! WE'LL WORRY ABOUT PLANS AND EMERALDS AND EVERYTHING LATER.
BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME A DECENT FIGHT!
NEED TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM, HUH? SOUNDS GOOD
LET'S RUMBLE!
VREEE!

THWAK!
VREEE!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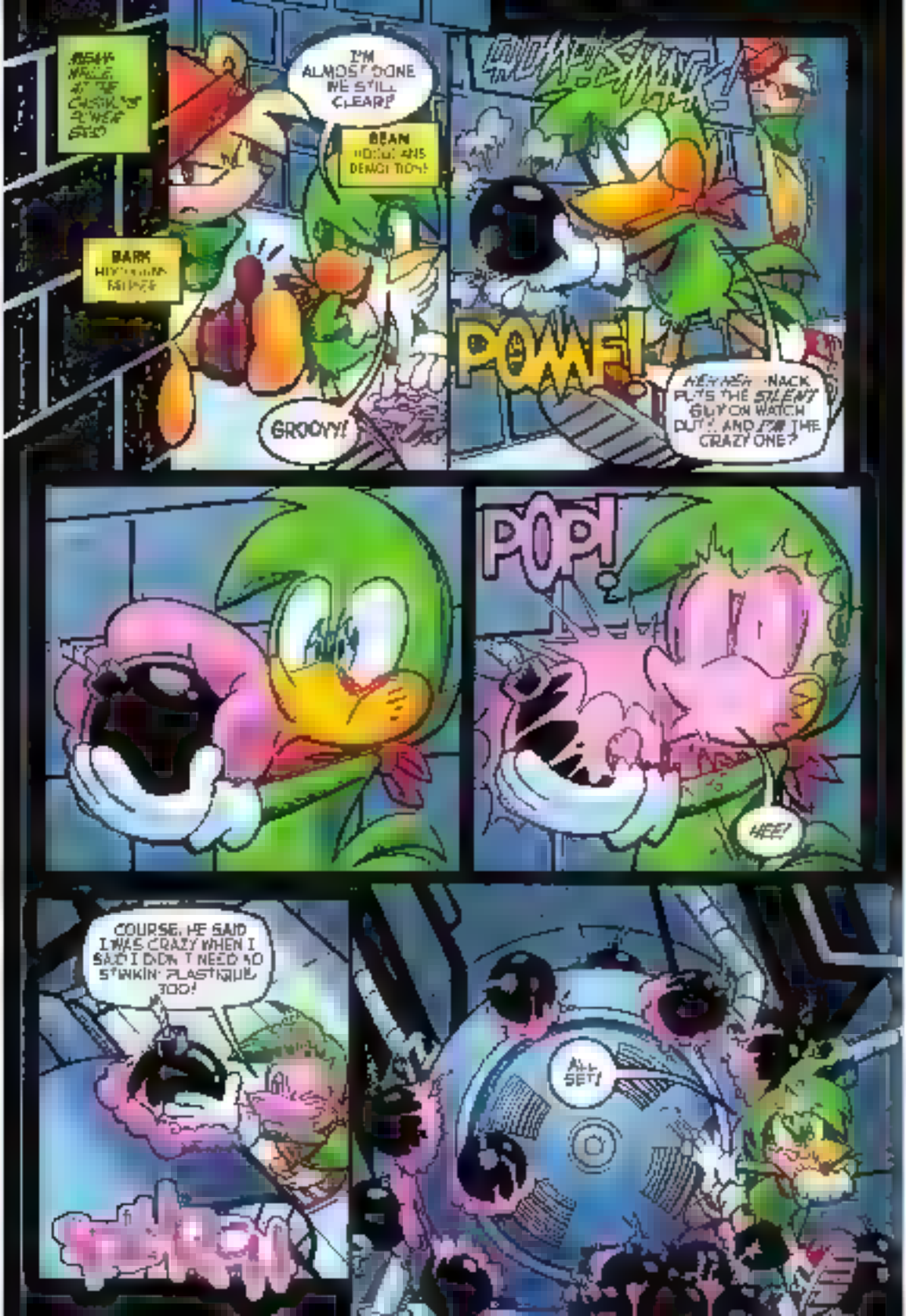
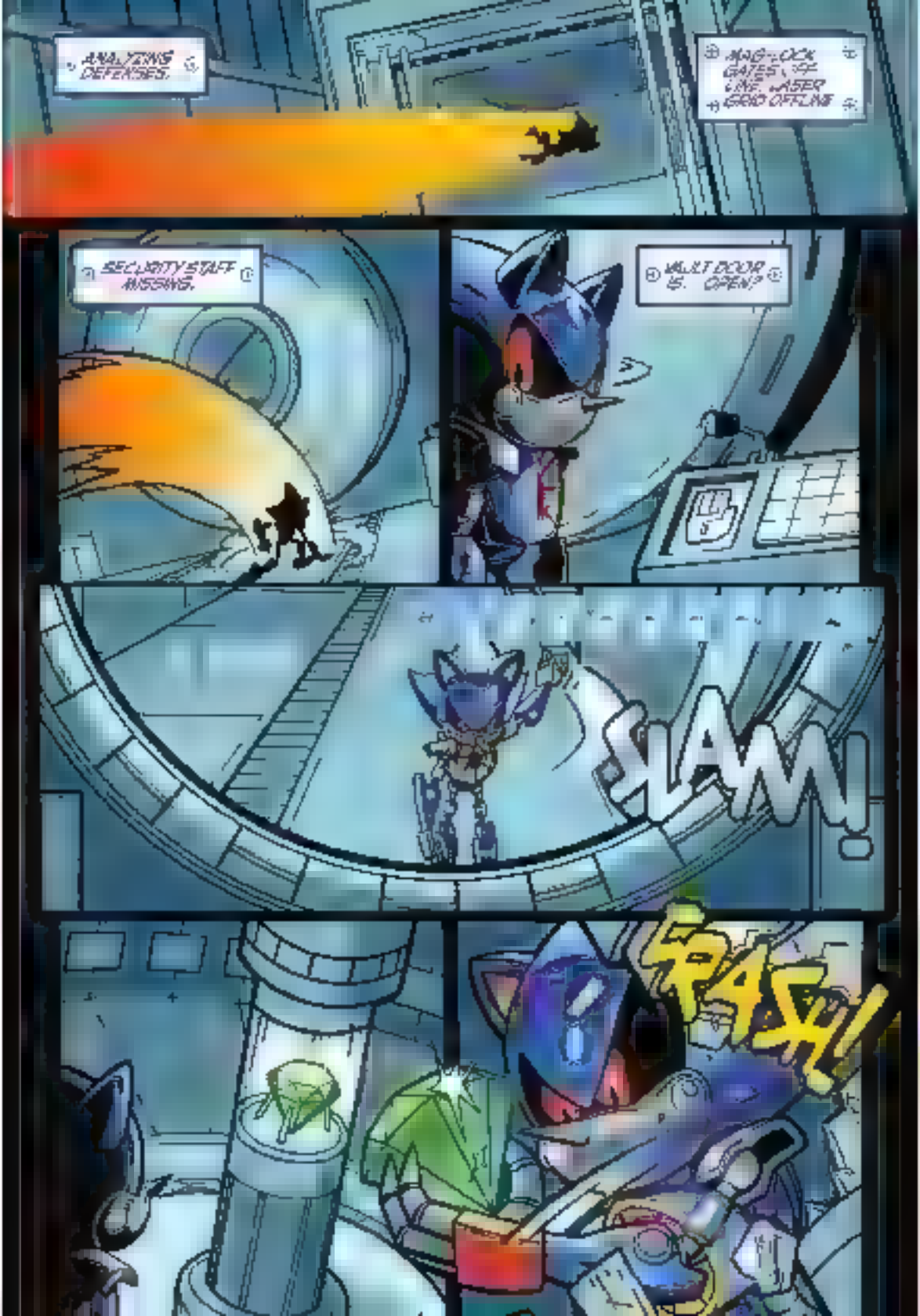
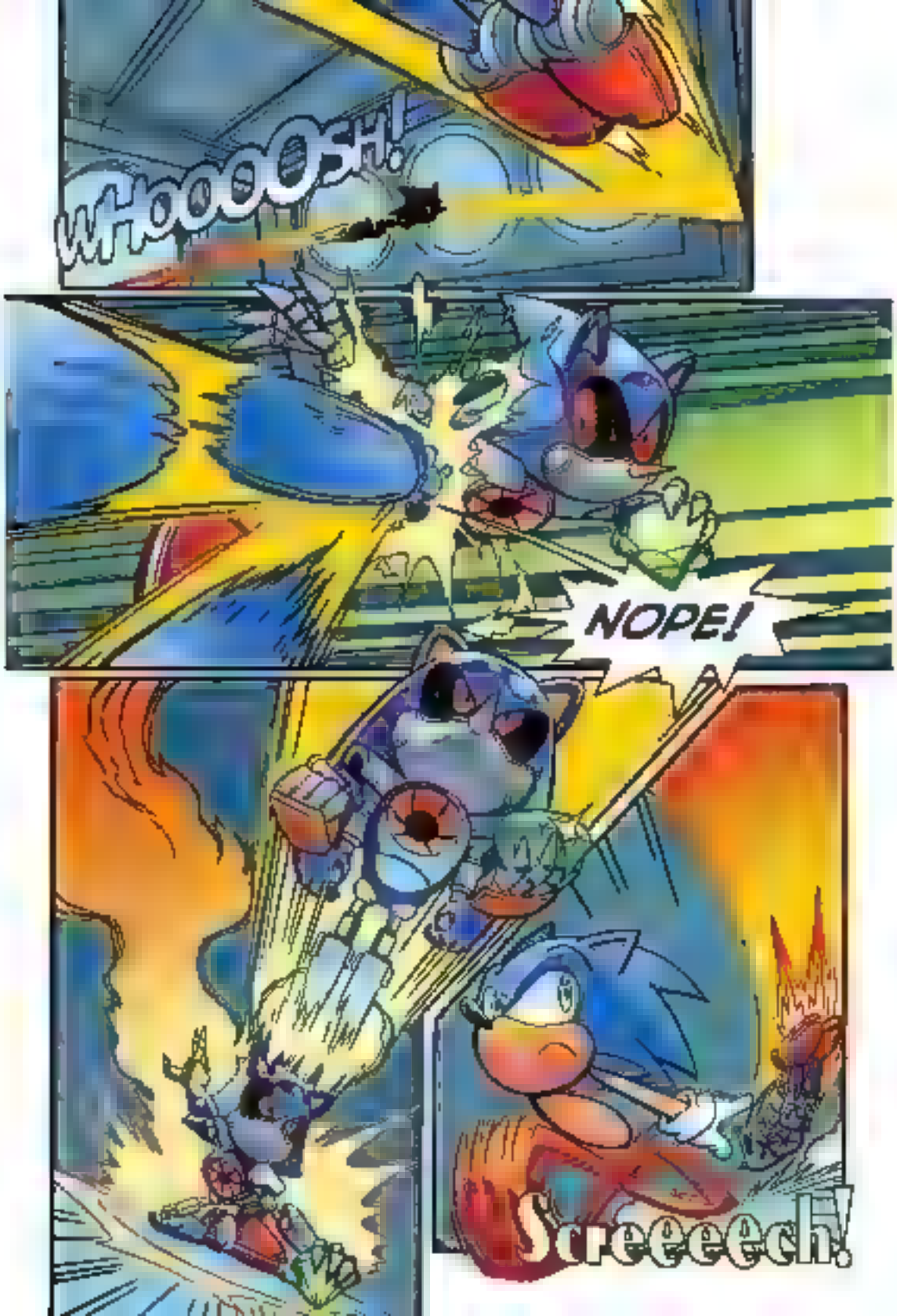

I'M ALMOST DONE WE STILL CLEAR!
BEAN
BARK
GROOVY!
POMF!
HEH HEH NACK PUTS THE SILENT GUY ON WATCH OUT! AND I'M THE CRAZY ONE?
POP!
HEE!
COURSE, HE SAID I WAS CRAZY WHEN I SAID I DIDN'T NEED NO STINKIN' PLASTIQUE, TOO!
ALL SET!

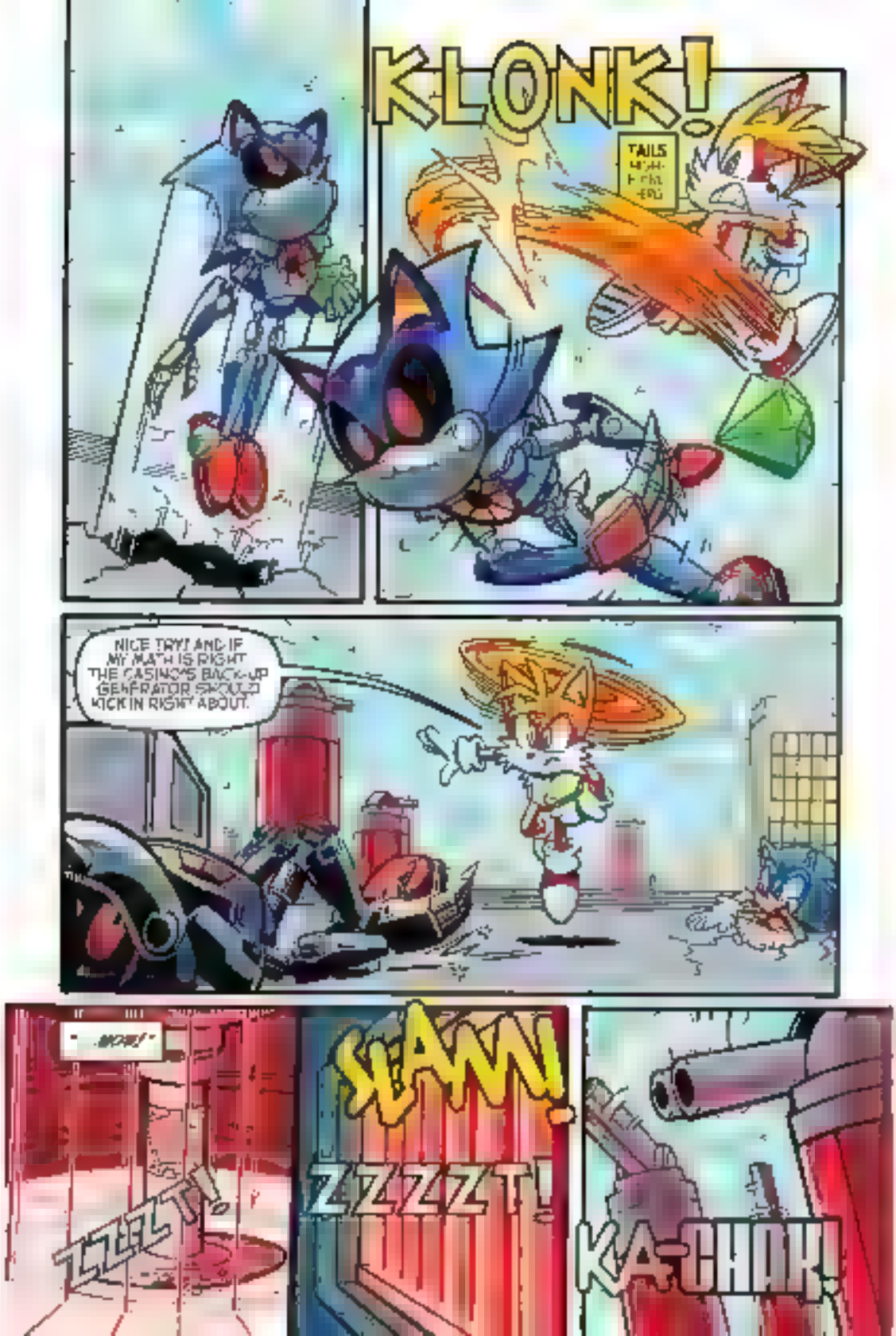
ALSO, MY BREATH WILL FOREVER BE MINTY-FRESH NOW
GRAND. I'M IN POSITION.
NACK
I'VE GOT A CLEAR SHOT
SWITCHING TO INFRARED SCOPE. DETONATE ON MY MARK
THREE TWO ONE MARK!
TWAIN.
KABLAM!

RRRRUMBLE
EEEEK!
THIS PART OF THE SHOW?
I DON'T THINK SO, CHUCKLES.
RUMOR WAS YOU WERE TRANSFORMING AT NIGHT, SONIC. I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS INTO AN UNMOVING TARGET!
ONE CENTIMETER MORE AND I'LL GET 'EM BOTH WITH ONE SHOT!
FRASH!
METAL SONIC
CLUD!


ANALYZING DEFENSES.
MAG-LOCK GATES, IR LINE, LASER GRID OFFLINE
SECURITY STAFF MISSING.
VAULT DOOR IS... OPEN?
HAM!
RASH!


WHOOOSH!
NOPE!
Screeeech!

SCREEEEK!
AMY ROSE
PIKO!
SKRRRRT!
HONEY

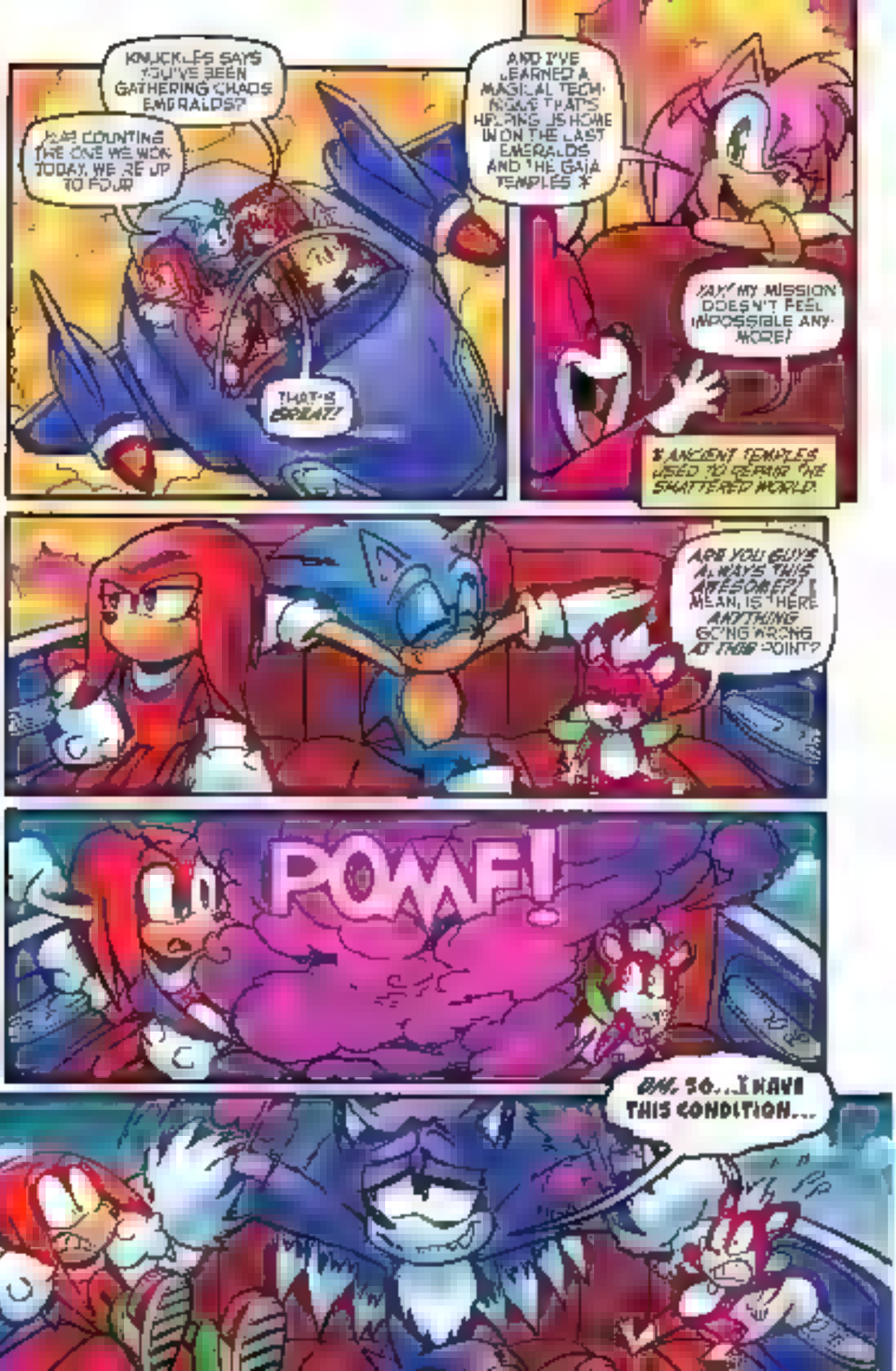

KLONK!
TAILS
NICE TRY! AND IF MY MATH IS RIGHT THE CASINO'S BACK-UP GENERATOR SHOULD KICK IN RIGHT ABOUT
ZZZZT!
KA-CHAK!

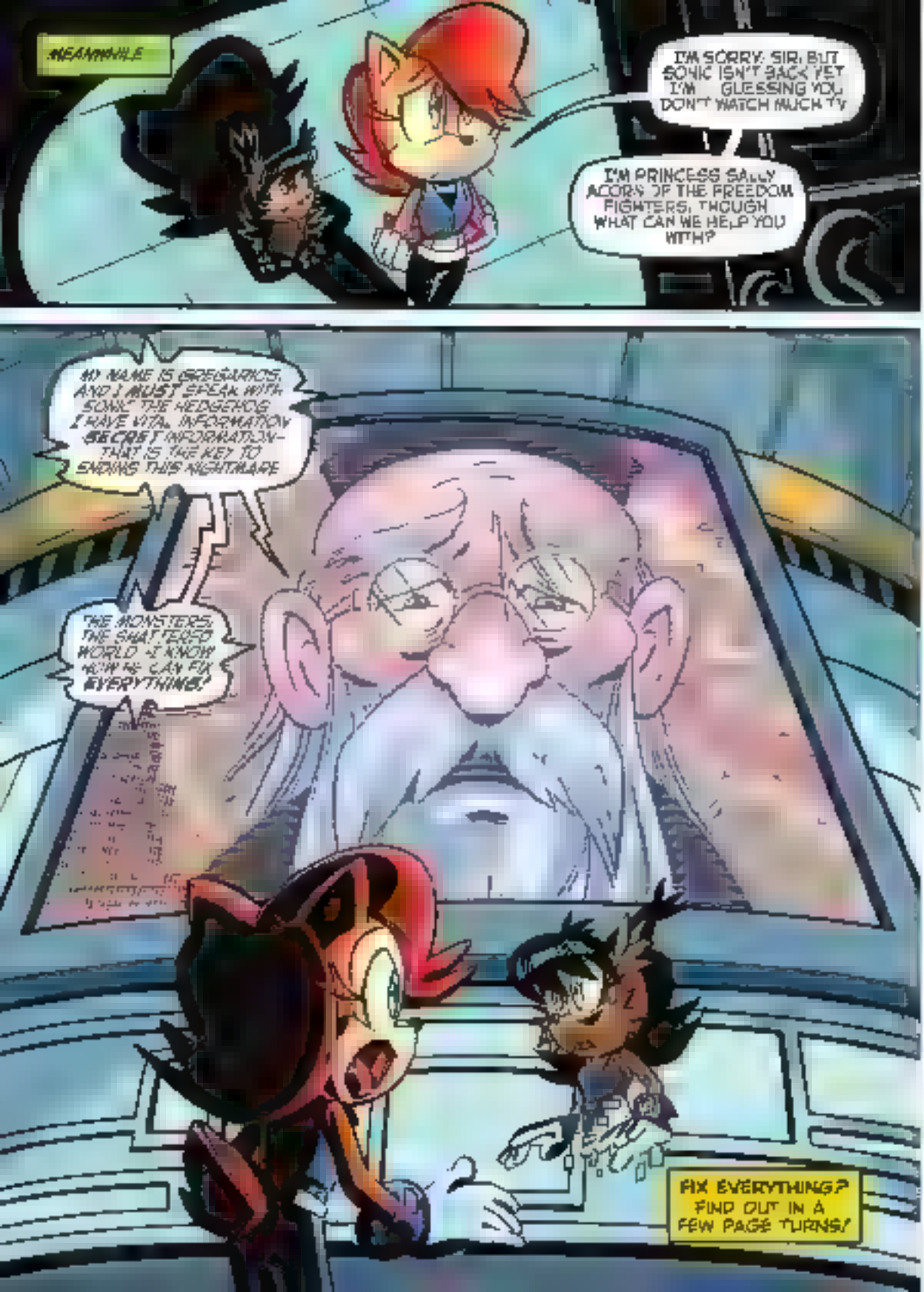
SO...ARE WE GONNA DO THIS? I MEAN, FIGHT ON THE ROOFTOP WHERE YOU TAKE ON US.
AND FOUR OTHER PROFESSIONAL BUTT-KICKERS
WHILE ALSO FIGHTING ALL OF BREEZIE'S SECURITY FORCES?
BAH. THIS ENTIRE SITUATION HAS BEEN A DISASTER! GET BACK TO THE DEATH EGG FOR REPAIRS! I'VE GOT A BEAD ON ANOTHER EMERALD!
DID YOU HEAR ME? I SAID FALL BACK!
AND THE WINNER BY MAKING METAL SONIC LOOK LIKE A TOTAL CHUMP.
MILES "THE TURBO TWIN TAILED GENIUS" PROWERRRRRR!
BWOOSH!

AND SO?
AAAAAND THERE! YOUR WAIT STAFF WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY OUTFITTED BY HONEY BRAND CLOTHING!
HOW EXCITING! I'VE NEVER DESIGNED CLOTHES FOR ROBOTS BEFORE
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, HONEY. YOU REALLY IMPRESSED ME DURING THE TOURNAMENT
IS THAT A FACT?
UM, YES. PUTTING YOUR REPUTATION AND NECK ON THE LINE? GIVING IT YOUR ALL TO GET WHAT YOU WANT? I RELISH A PARTNER WITH THAT KIND OF INITIATIVE.
WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE SO CLOSE, CAN I SAY SOMETHING?
OFF THE RECORD
BUSINESS WOMAN TO BUSINESS WOMAN.
YES?
IT'S NO SECRET DOCTOR EGGMAN WANTED THAT CHAOS EMERALD. SUDDENLY, THREE "RANDOM" MERCS WITH EGGMAN CONNECTIONS GET ADDED TO THE BRACKET OVERNIGHT
THEN, WHEN THEY GET BUMPED, METAL SONIC SHOWS UP. NONE OF YOUR OUTSIDE SECURITY STOPS HIM. NONE OF YOUR INSIDE SECURITY IS AROUND. THE MODEL GAINS NEW THE POWER AND GOT AWAY SCOT FREE. AND NOT ONE OF YOUR BADNIKS TOOK A SHOT AT METAL SONIC AS HE ESCAPED
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAME REAL CLOSE TO LOSING WHAT THEY NEED TO SAVE THE WORLD.

THE HOOLIGANS ARE EVER PROVOCATEURS, AND METAL SONIC IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF ROBOTIC PERFECTION. IT'S DISAPPOINTING, BUT NOT SURPRISING. MY SECURITY WASN'T ENOUGH.
AND ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, I WAS GOING THE CHAOS EMERALD. BUT WITH SIX HEROES DESPERATE & TRYING TO STOP A LAST MINUTE ASSAULT BY A DEADLY SUPER ROBOT... WELL, I GOT THE ATTENTION OF THE *ENTIRE WORLD.*
THIS ENTIRE TOURNAMENT WAS MOST LUCRATIVE, MY DEAR. SHATTERED OR WHOLE, I'M NOW WORTH *HALF* THIS PLANET
THAT'S... QUITE THE SHREWD MINDSET YOU'VE GOT THERE
TAKE IT TO HEART. YOU TOOK OUT TAILS IN SHORT ORDER TO ADVANCE. I *KNOW* YOU'LL SEE THE WISDOM OF MY WORDS SOON ENOUGH
HAHA! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT ORDERS TO FILL!
AH-HA! I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!

DUDE. LET'S GO!
I DUNNO.
COME BACK WITH US I'M SURE THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE SKY PATROL THAT CAN HELP YOU OUT!
WELL I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS TO DROP OFF FOR YOU GUYS.
SORRY I'M LATE!
?
I REALLY JUST NEED TO SWING BY GET MY TO-GO BAG!
THIS IS CHIP. THE LIGHT GAIA, THE SPIRIT THAT'S SUPPOSED TO FIX THE WORLD
SERIOUSLY? AWESOME! GLAD TO MEET YOU.
YO, MUST BE SONIC. YOU WERE SO COOL! WAAAY STRONGER THAN KNUCKLES SAID YOU'D BE!


KNUCKLES SAYS YOU'VE BEEN GATHERING CHAOS EMERALDS?
I'M COUNTING THE ONE WE WON TODAY. WE'RE UP TO FOUR
THAT'S GREAT!
AND I'VE LEARNED A MAGICAL TECHNIQUE THAT'S HELPING US HOME IN ON THE LAST EMERALDS AND THE GAIA TEMPLES *
YAY! MY MISSION DOESN'T FEEL IMPOSSIBLE ANYMORE!
* ANCIENT TEMPLES USED TO REPAIR THE SHATTERED WORLD!
ARE YOU GUYS ALWAYS THIS AWESOME?! I MEAN, IS THERE ANYTHING GOING WRONG AT THIS POINT?
POOF!
OH. SO...I HAVE THIS CONDITION...


MEANWHILE
I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT SONIC ISN'T BACK YET I'M GUESSING YOU DON'T WATCH MUCH TV
I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, THOUGH WHAT CAN WE HELP YOU WITH?
MY NAME IS GREGARIOS, AND I MUST SPEAK WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. I HAVE VITAL INFORMATION. SECRET INFORMATION— THAT IS THE KEY TO ENDING THIS NIGHTMARE
THE MONSTERS, THE SHATTERED WORLD— I KNOW HOW HE CAN FIX EVERYTHING!
FIX EVERYTHING? FIND OUT IN A FEW PAGE TURNS!

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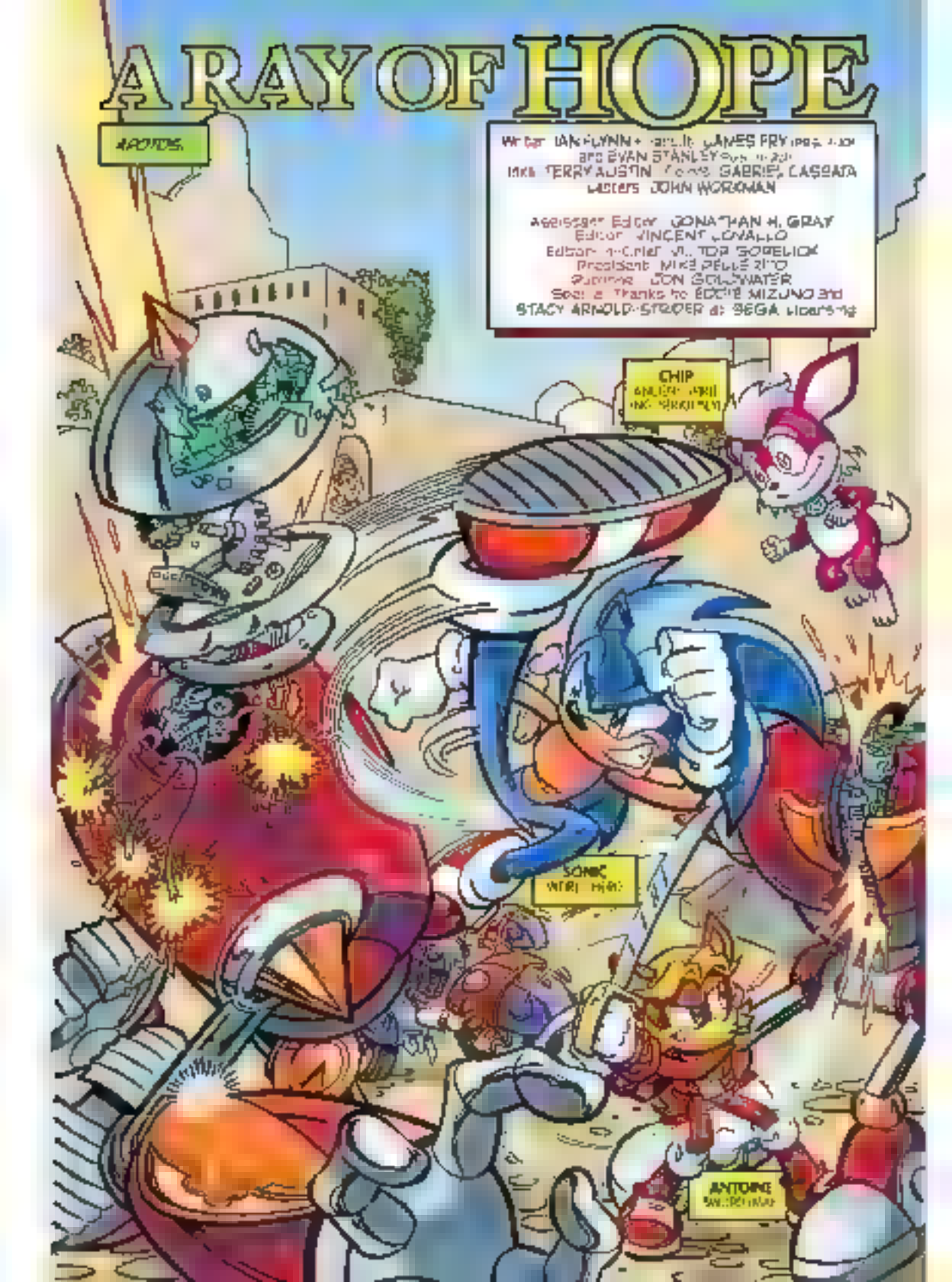
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CHIP
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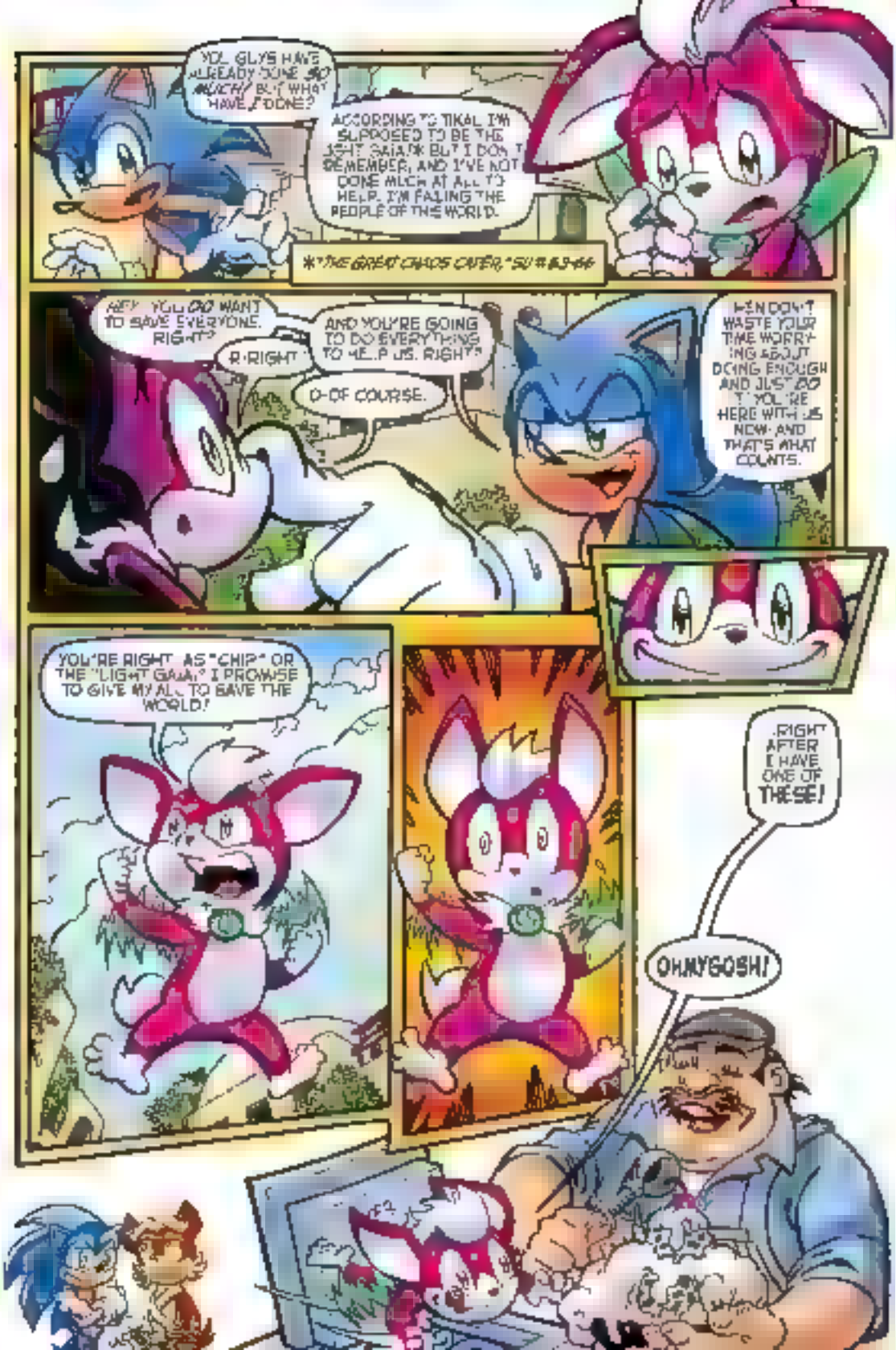
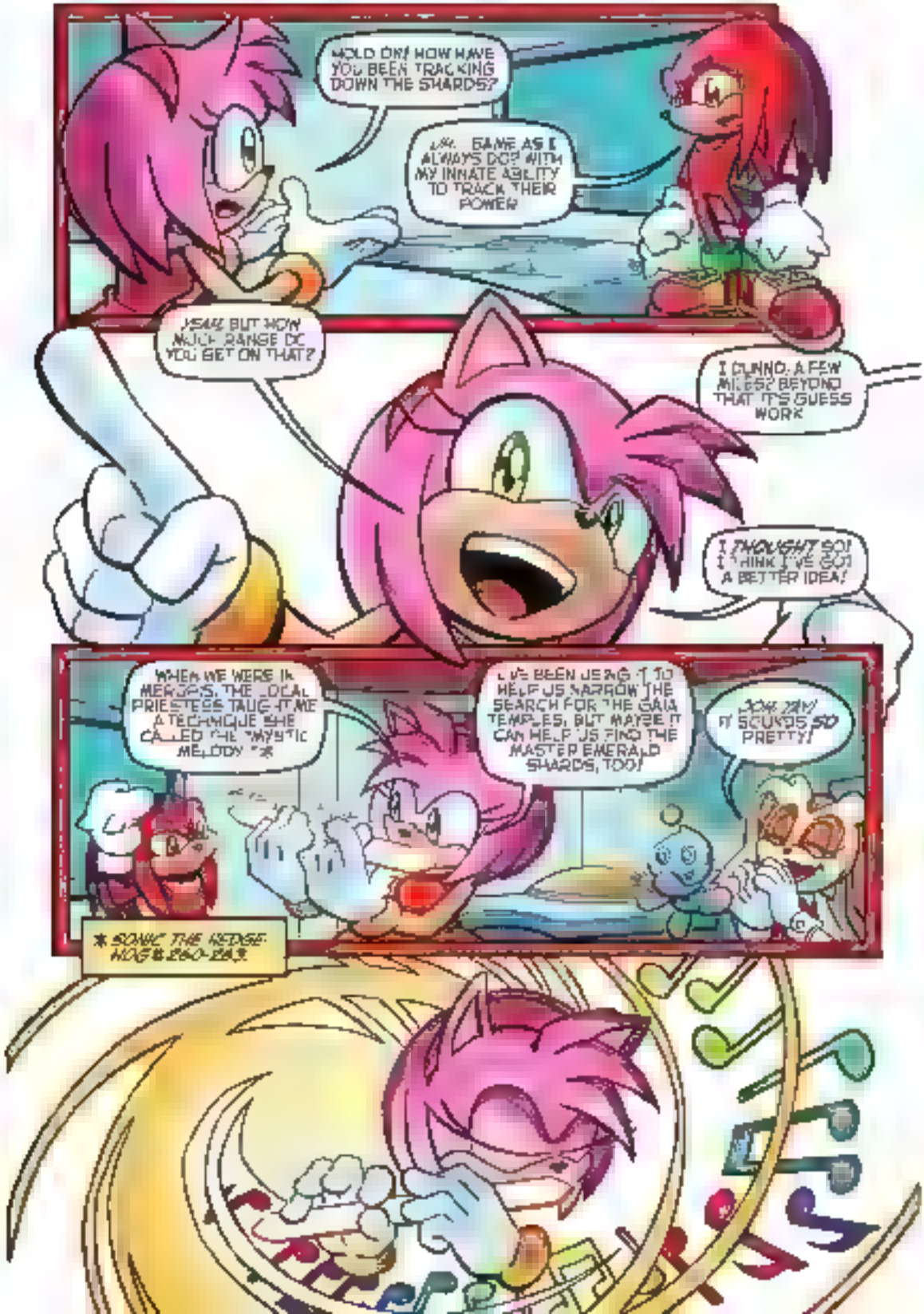
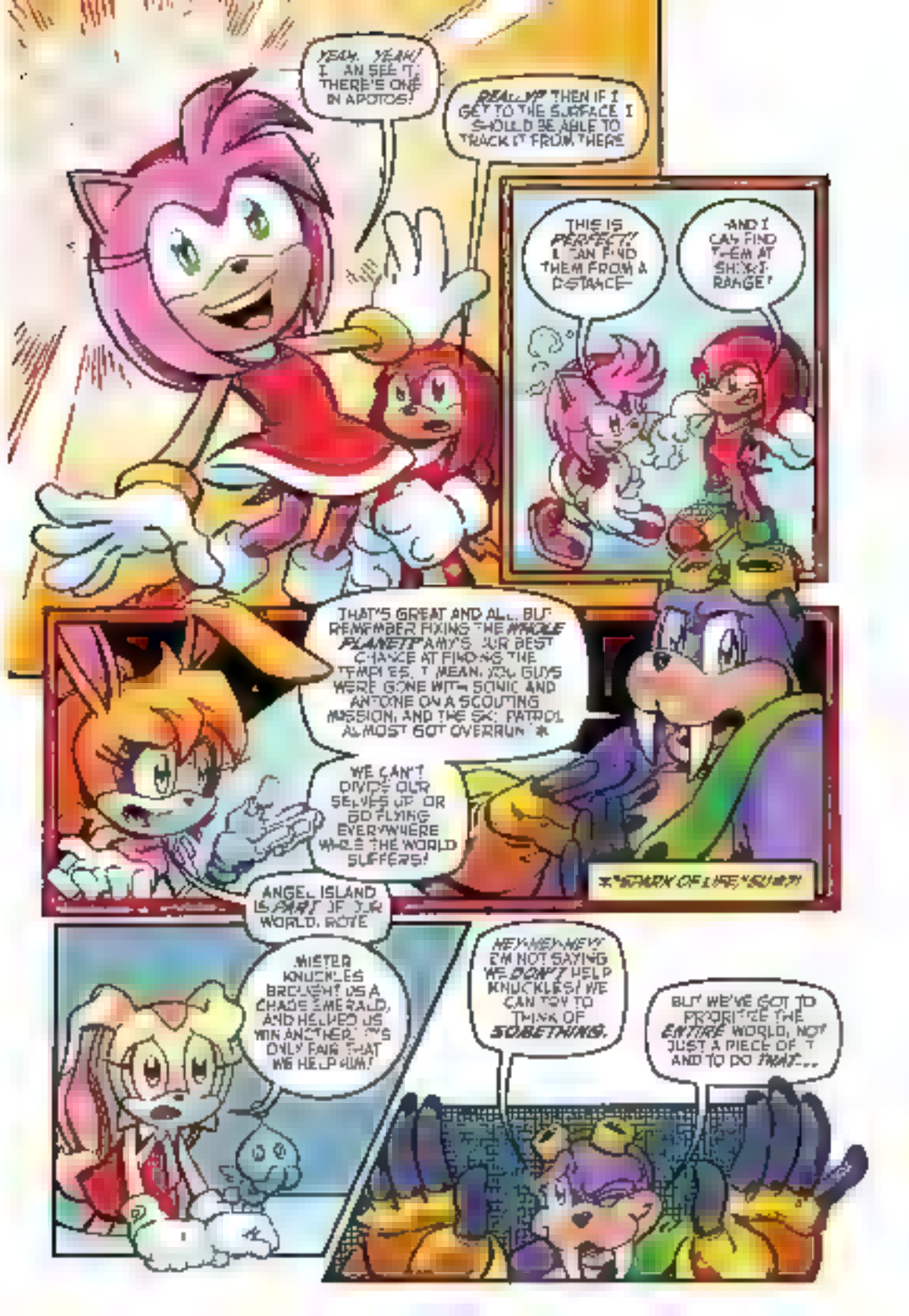
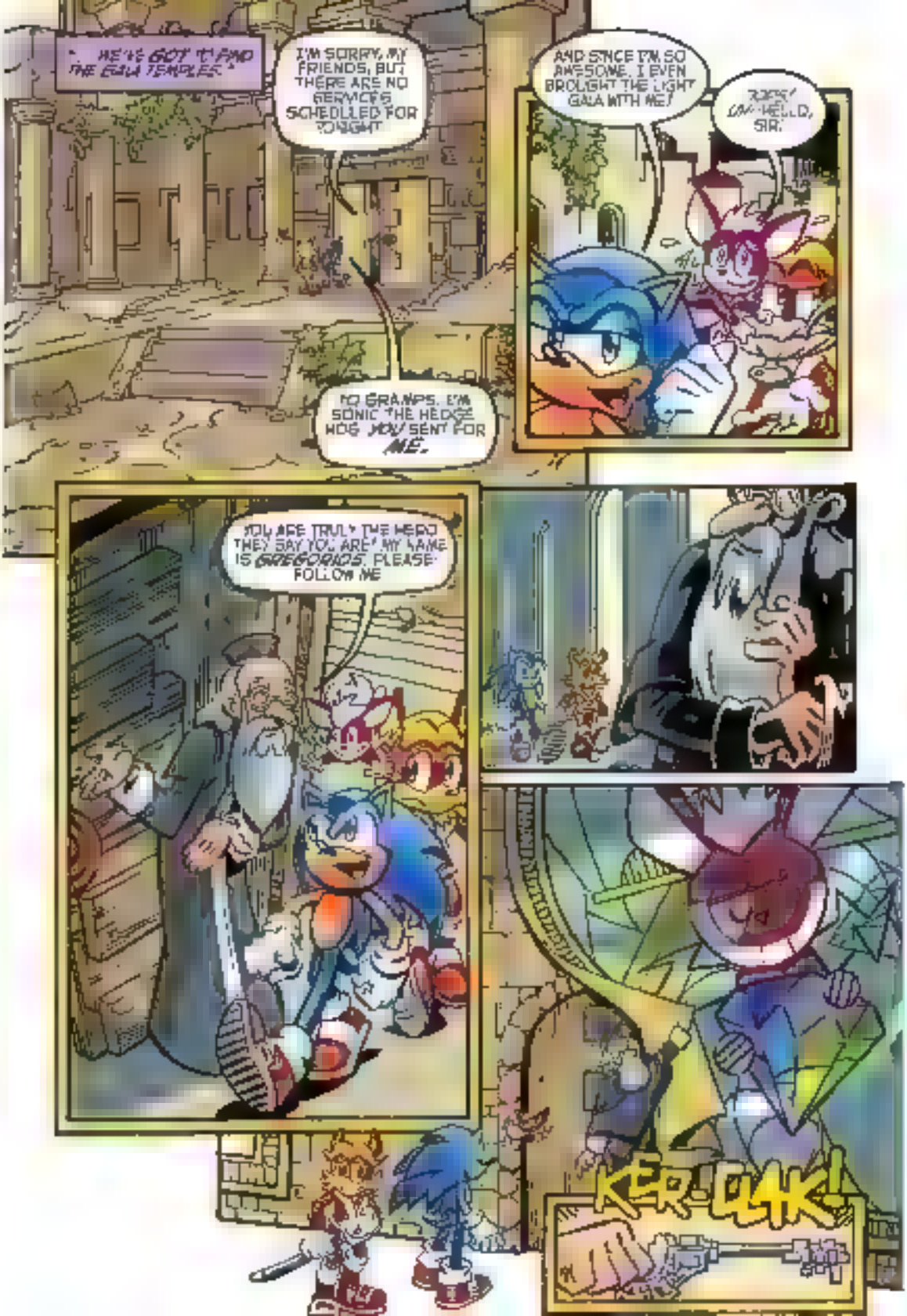
POW!
POW!
POW!
CRASH!
AND THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE!
WOW! YOU GUYS ARE SO COOL!
ZERE ARE QUITE ZE MANY BADNIKS FOR SUCH ZE QUAINT TOWN, NON?
YEAH, AND I TANGLED WITH A FEW BEFORE I RAN INTO SILVER *
WHEN WAS DAT?
RIGHT AFTER WE WRAPPED UP THAT GI HELP MISSION. I TRY TO KEEP BUSY
IF EGGMAN IS SHOWING SUCH INTEREST IN ZE AREA, PERHAPS ZIS GREGORIOS FELLOW REALLY DOES HAVE AN IMPORTANT SECRET
WON'T HURT TO CHECK WE'RE DOING OKAY FOR FINDING CHAOS EMERALDS
BUT WE'RE WAY BEHIND ON FINDING GAIA TEMPLES
*SONIC COMIC ORIGINS #6

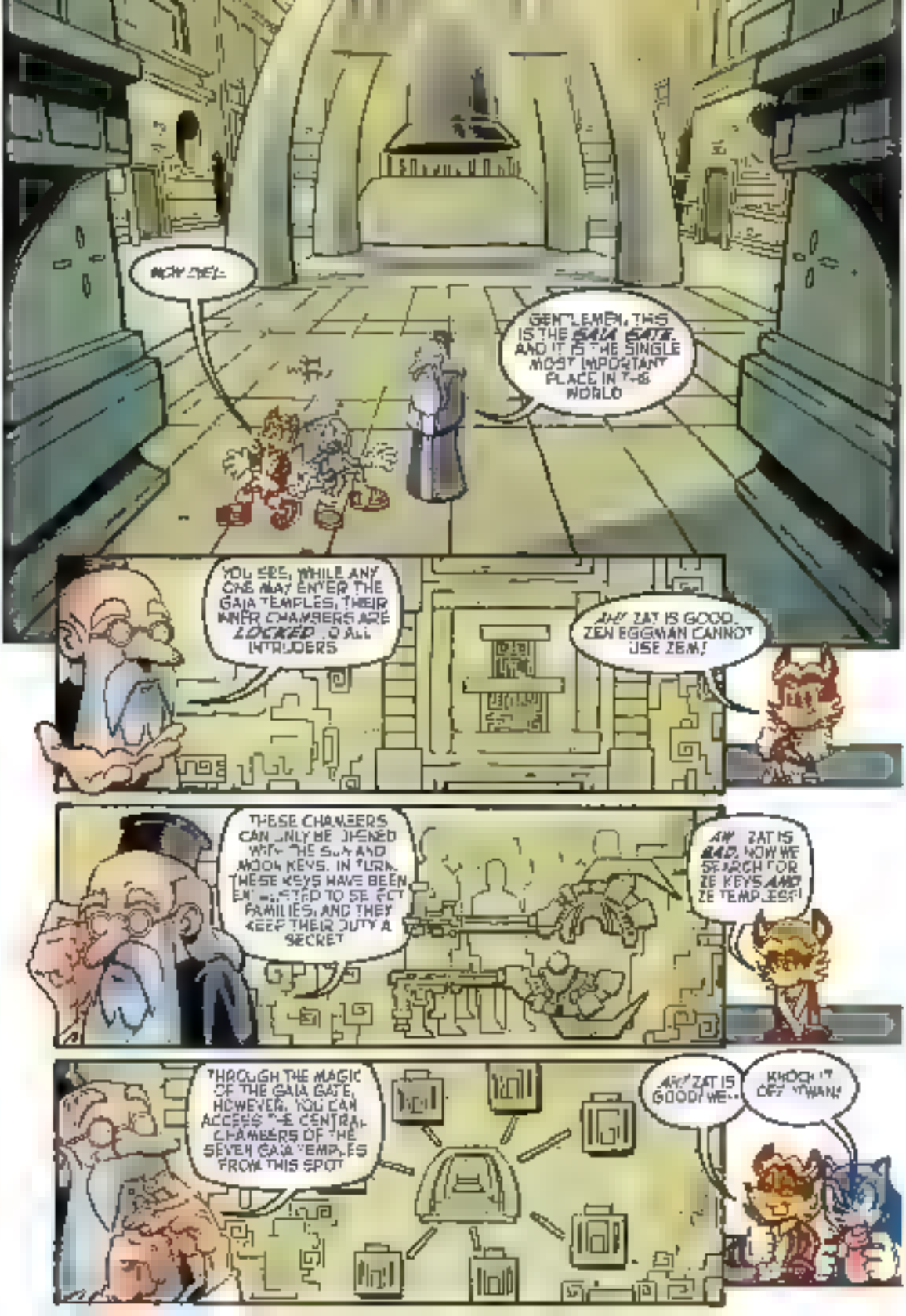

YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH! BUT WHAT HAVE I DONE?
ACCORDING TO TIKAL I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE "LIGHT GAIA." BUT I DON'T REMEMBER, AND I'VE NOT DONE MUCH AT ALL TO HELP. I'M FAILING THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD.
*"THE GREAT CHAOS CAVE," SU #43-44
HEY. YOU DO WANT TO SAVE EVERYONE, RIGHT?
R-RIGHT
AND YOU'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING TO HELP US, RIGHT?
O-OF COURSE.
WE DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WORRYING ABOUT DOING ENOUGH AND JUST DO IT. YOU'RE HERE WITH US NOW. AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS.
YOU'RE RIGHT. AS "CHIP" OR THE "LIGHT GAIA," I PROMISE TO GIVE MY ALL TO SAVE THE WORLD!
RIGHT AFTER I HAVE ONE OF THESE!
OHMYGOSH!

MEANWHILE, ABOARD THE SKY PATROL
SO I HAD TO SHATTER THE MASTER EMERALD, AGAIN, AND ITS SHARDS RAINED DOWN ON THE MESSED UP PLANET *
I THOUGHT I WAS HUNTING DOWN ONE OF THE SHARDS WHEN I ENDED UP GETTING ROPED INTO THE FIGHTING TOURNAMENT
* "TOTAL ECLIPSE," SU #37
YEAH, AND THEN YOU KNOCKED ME OUT OF THE RING
NOW NOW, AMY, DON'T BE A SORE LOSER!
WHAT ABOUT YER ISLAND? WITHOUT THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER, IT'LL FALL AND WITH THE PLANET LIKE IT IS.
BUT THAT MEANS IF WE FIX THE PLANET YOUR ISLAND WILL FALL!
NO, IT'S STILL FLOATING JUST LIKE ALL THE CONTINENTS. I GUESS ONE GOOD THING HAD TO COME OF ALL THIS
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN POSTPONE SAVING EVERYONE.


HOLD ON! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN TRACKING DOWN THE SHARDS?
UH... SAME AS I ALWAYS DO? WITH MY INNATE ABILITY TO TRACK THEIR POWER
YEAH! BUT HOW MUCH RANGE DO YOU GET ON THAT?
I DUNNO. A FEW MILES? BEYOND THAT IT'S GUESS WORK
I THOUGHT SO! I THINK I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!
WHEN WE WERE IN MERCIPIS, THE LOCAL PRIESTESS TAUGHT ME A TECHNIQUE SHE CALLED THE "MYSTIC MELODY"*
I'VE BEEN USING IT TO HELP US NARROW THE SEARCH FOR THE GAIA TEMPLES, BUT MAYBE IT CAN HELP US FIND THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS, TOO!
OOH, YAY! IT SOUNDS SO PRETTY!
* SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #260-263.


YEAH... YEAH! I CAN SEE IT. THERE'S ONE IN APOTOS!
REALLY? THEN IF I GET TO THE SURFACE I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRACK IT FROM THERE
THIS IS PERFECT! I CAN FIND THEM FROM A DISTANCE
AND I CAN FIND THEM AT SHORT RANGE!
THAT'S GREAT AND ALL, BUT REMEMBER FIXING THE WHOLE PLANET? AMY'S OUR BEST CHANCE AT FINDING THE TEMPLES. I MEAN, YOU GUYS WERE GONE WITH SONIC AND ANTOINE ON A SCOUTING MISSION, AND THE SKY PATROL ALMOST GOT OVERRUN! *
WE CAN'T DIVIDE OUR SELVES UP OR GO FLYING EVERYWHERE WHILE THE WORLD SUFFERS!
*"SPARK OF LIFE," SU#7!
ANGEL ISLAND IS PART OF OUR WORLD, ROTE
MISTER KNUCKLES BROUGHT US A CHAOS EMERALD, AND HELPED US WIN ANOTHER! IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT WE HELP HIM!
HEY-HEY-HEY! I'M NOT SAYING WE DON'T HELP KNUCKLES! WE CAN TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING.
BUT WE'VE GOT TO PRIORITIZE THE ENTIRE WORLD, NOT JUST A PIECE OF IT AND TO DO THAT...

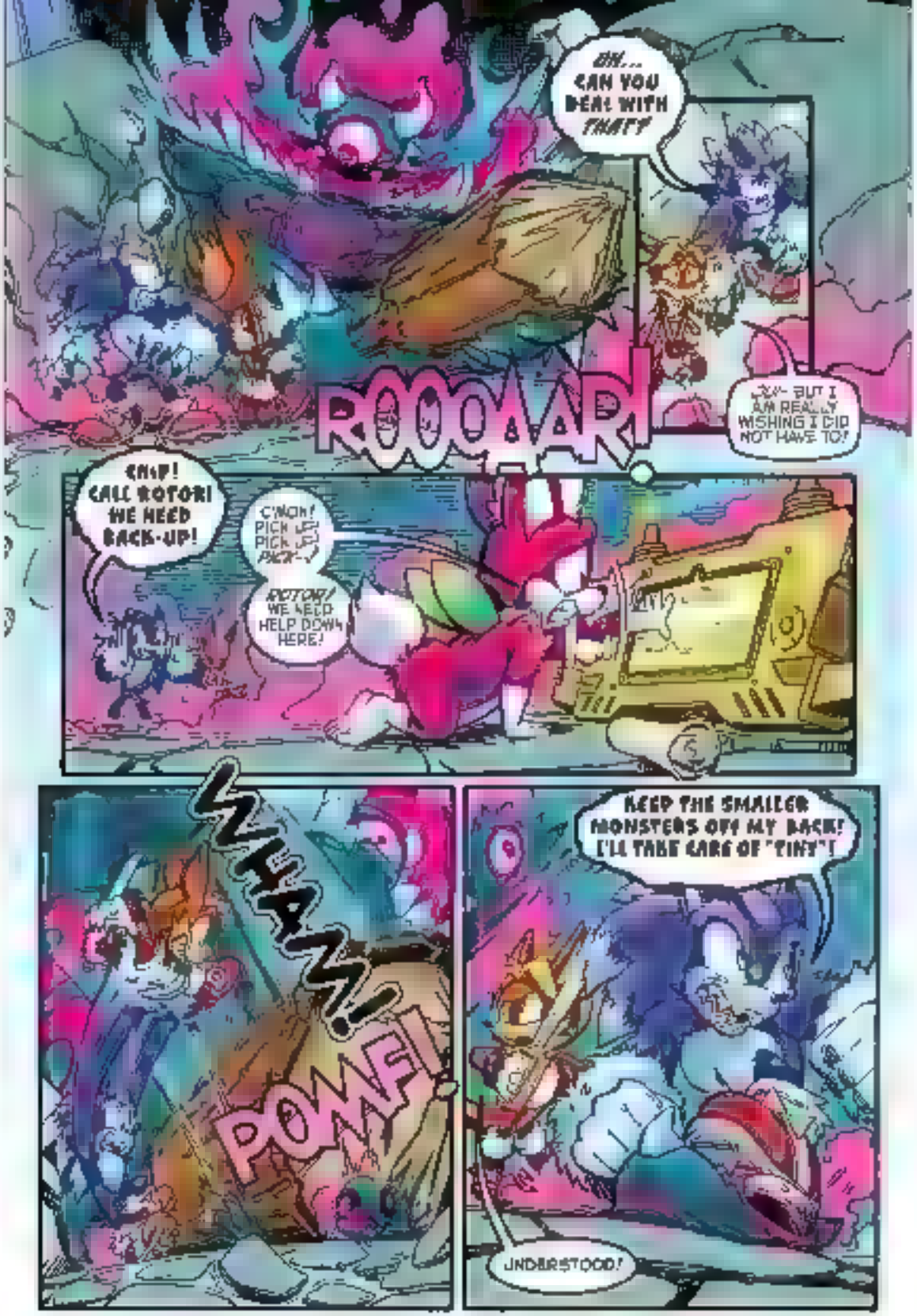

WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE GAIA TEMPLES.
I'M SORRY, MY FRIENDS, BUT THERE ARE NO SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT
NO GRAMPS. I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU SENT FOR ME.
AND SINCE I'M SO AWESOME, I EVEN BROUGHT THE LIGHT GAIA WITH ME!
SORRY! COME AGAIN, SIR.
YOU ARE TRULY THE HERO THEY SAY YOU ARE! MY NAME IS GREGORIOS. PLEASE FOLLOW ME
KER-CLANK!


WOW, CHEF!
GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THE GAIA GATE, AND IT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE WORLD
YOU SEE, WHILE ANY ONE MAY ENTER THE GAIA TEMPLES, THEIR INNER CHAMBERS ARE LOCKED TO ALL INTRUDERS
AH! ZAT IS GOOD. ZEN EGGMAN CANNOT USE ZEM!
THESE CHAMBERS CAN ONLY BE UNSEALED WITH THE SUN AND MOON KEYS. IN TURN, THESE KEYS HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO SEVEN FAMILIES, AND THEY KEEP THEIR DUTY A SECRET
AH! ZAT IS BAD. NOW WE SEARCH FOR ZE KEYS AND ZE TEMPLES!
THROUGH THE MAGIC OF THE GAIA GATE, HOWEVER, YOU CAN ACCESS THE CENTRAL CHAMBERS OF THE SEVEN GAIA TEMPLES FROM THIS SPOT
AH! ZAT IS GOOD! WE--
KNOCK IT OFF, YUMAN!

AWESOME! WE CAN BRING ALL THE KEYS BACK HERE AND FIX THE WORLD ALL IN ONE GO!
AND WE WILL NOT BE HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT ZE EGGMAN SNEAKING IN AFTER WE ACCESS A TEMPLE!
ZUT ALORS! ZAT IS SO SICK! WHAT ELSE CAN I BE STATING THE OBVIOUS ON?!
YOU MUST GATHER THE KEYS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! SINCE THE DOCTOR SENT METAL SONIC AFTER ME, HE MUST BE LOOKING FOR THE TEMPLES. IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR HIM TO LEARN THAT HE NEEDS THE KEYS AS WELL.
I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T HURT. WHAT HAPPENED WITH METAL SONIC?
I DON'T TELL HIM ANYTHING. I DON'T BELIEVE HE KNOWS ABOUT THE GAIA GATE YET
UNTIL NOW, I WAS THE ONLY SOUL WHO KNEW OF THE GAIA GATE AND THE IDENTITIES OF ALL THE KEY-HOLDERS. DOCTOR EGGMAN'S ACTIONS HAVE FORCED ME TO BREAK MY VOW OF SECRECY
I'VE WRITTEN DOWN THE NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF THE KEY HOLDERS
YOU CAN TRUST US, GREG

I'M SO EXCITED! MAYBE FINDING THE KEYS WILL HELP ME REGAIN MY MEMORIES, TOO!
YEAH, AND!
GRR!
—AND I CAN FINALLY STOP TURNING INTO THIS EVERY NIGHT.
YOU, ZAT WILL BE RELIEVING! IT GIVES ME ZE FRIGHT EVERY TIME AND ZAT TERRIBLE MUSKY SMELL. (BUT ALORS!)
HHHHHH!
I'LL BE GLAD WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH THE NIGHTLY MONSTER ATTACKS, TOO!
OUI, ZAT VERY MUCH AS WELL!

NOT AGAIN!
RUN!
HELP!
POMF!
SWING!
THE MONSTERS AREN'T TOO SPOOKY FOR YOU?
OH, I AM QUITE TERRIFIED
BUT I CAN HOW YOU SAY, "DEAL WITH IT"
OOOW!


OH... CAN YOU DEAL WITH THAT?
ROOOAR!
...BUT I AM REALLY WISHING I DID NOT HAVE TO!
CHIP! CALL ROTOR! WE NEED BACK-UP!
C'MON! PICK UP! PICK UP! PICK-!
ROTOR! WE NEED HELP DOWN HERE!
KEEP THE SMALLER MONSTERS OFF MY BACK! I'LL TAKE CARE OF "TINY"!
UNDERSTOOD!
WHAM!
POW!

WHUD!
ARRRRGH!
POW!
ZOT!
HAVIN' FUN, SUGAR HOG?
PIKO!
SALLY CALLED AND SAYS HER TEAM IS FINE. BY THE WAY?
GREAT. ANOTHER ONE OF THEM.
FRIEND OF YOURS?

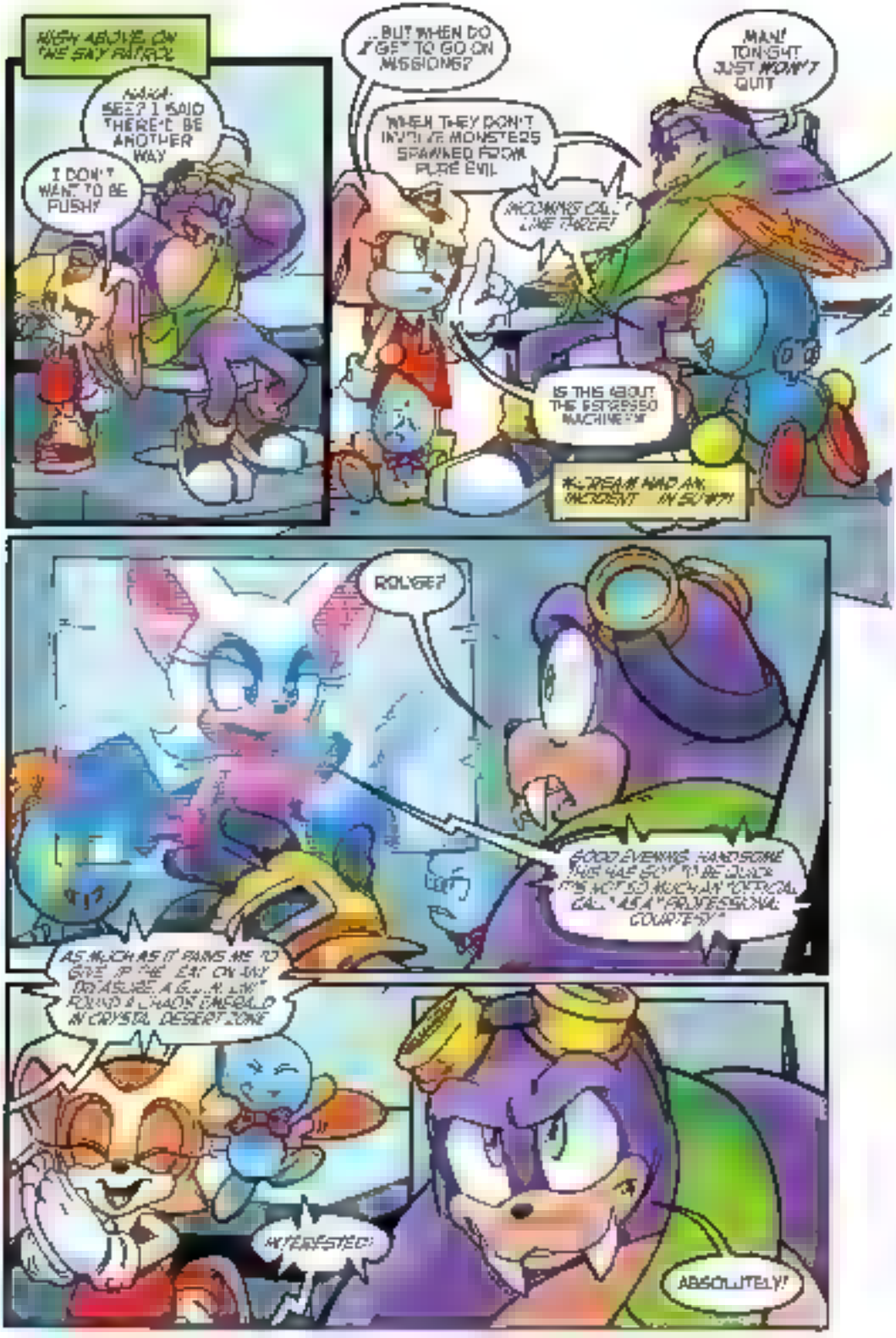
THE CHAOTIX AND I HAD TO FIGHT ONE TO GET THE RED CHAOS EMERALD.*
HOW'D YOU GUYS BEAT IT?
*"GREAT CHAOS CAPER," SU #63-66.
TRICKED BEAN INTO BOMBING HE CRUD OUT OF IT AND THEN I PUNCHED IT LOTS
"PUNCH IT LOTS" IT IS!
I LIKE THIS VERSION OF YOU
KEY! ISN'T THAT ONE OF YOUR MISSING SHARDS?
I THOUGHT IT FELT AWFULLY CLOSE!

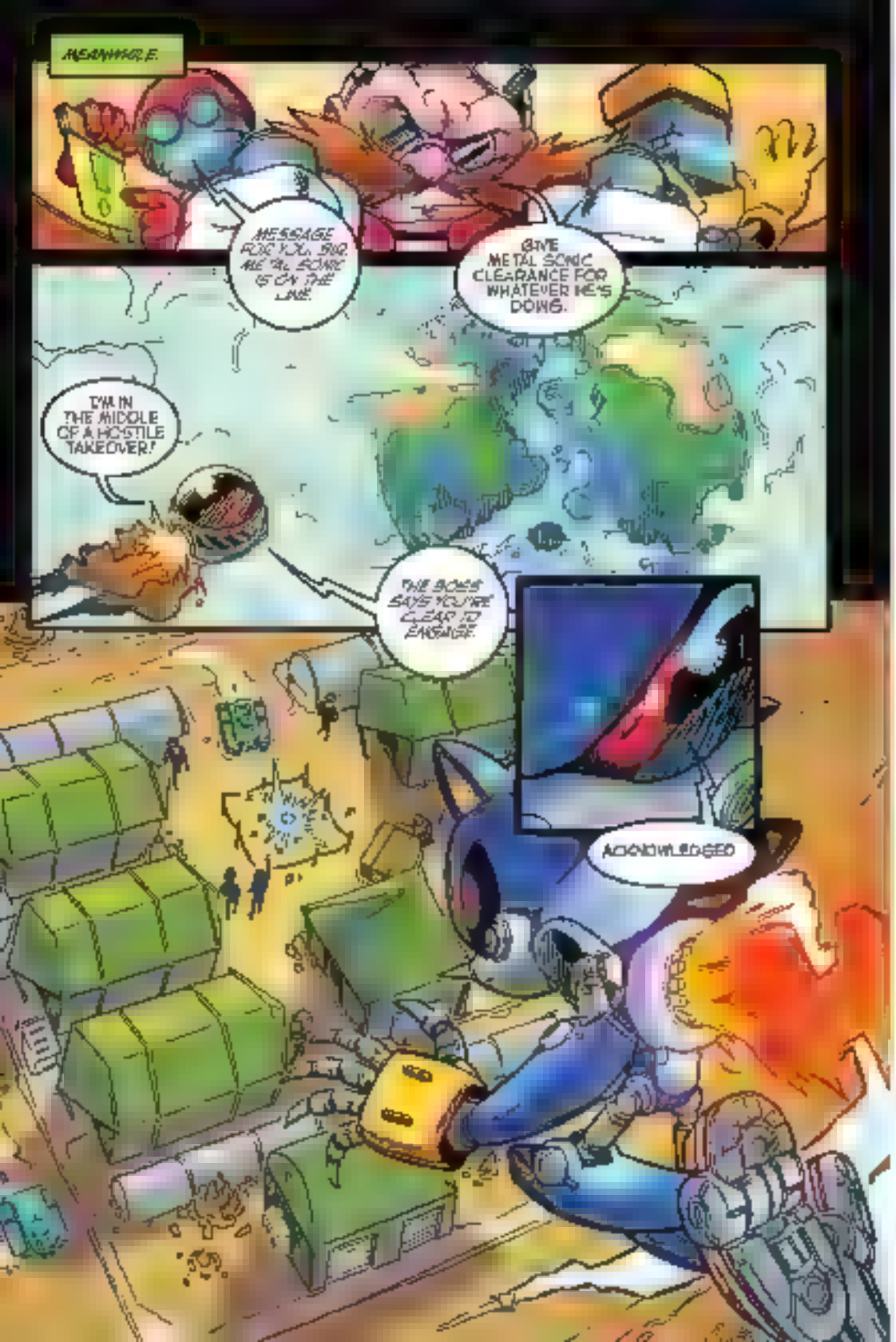
DRIVE IT BACK! I'LL PULL THE SHARD FREE!
WITH PLEASURE!
JE NOUS ÉTRE SOU...
BOOOAAR!
SHUNK!

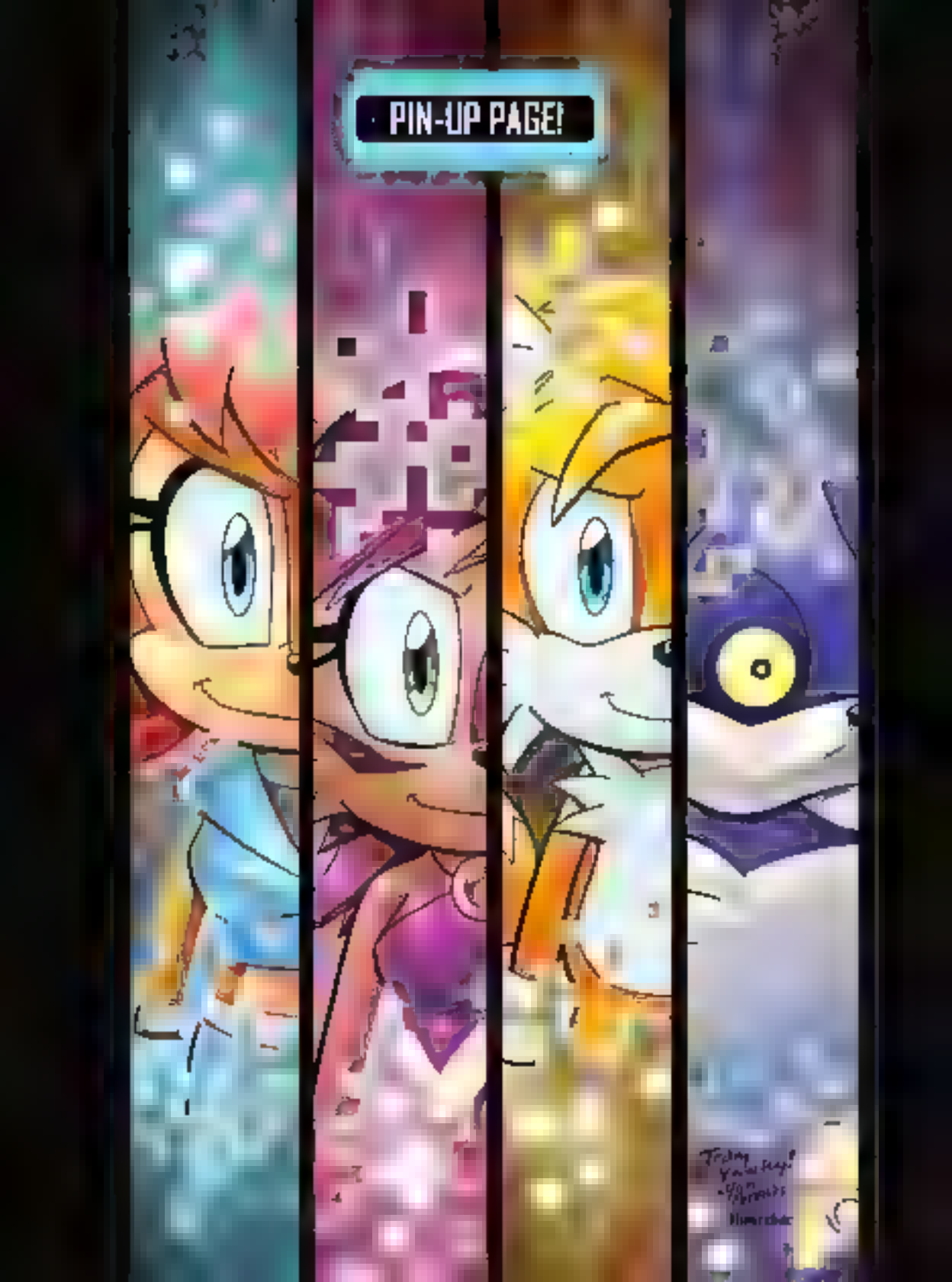
SHKOOM!
THAT'S MAH MAN!
HEAH, LET US BE SAVING ZE WORLD SO I AM NEVER HAVING TO DO ZAT AGAIN
ROOAAR!
HRRRNNGH...
PIKO!

NICE WORK. THIS ALMOST MAKES UP FOR THE TOURNAMENT *
THE ROUND STARTED! I THOUGHT YOU WERE READY! STOP MAKING ME THE BAD GUY!
* SEE AMY AND KNUCKLES BATTLE IN "CHAMPIONS" SYH #268-271
HERE WE GO. KNUX I HEARD YOU WERE COLLECTING THESE
THANKS! ONE MORE DOWN... ER A BUNCH TO GO
CAN YOU BE PUTTING ME DOWN NOW? ZE OTHERS ZEY ARE STARTING TO LOOK!
AWW. BUT YER CUTE LIKE THIS
WHAT'S GOING ON? DO I NEED TO COME DOWN?
OR ME AND CHEESE? WE CAN HELP!
WE'RE ALL GOOD DOWN HERE! I THINK THAT'S ALL THE MONSTERS FOR THE NIGHT

AND-AND-AND WE GOT A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE WE NEED TO TALK TO
SO WE CAN USE A SUPER HANDY MAGIC SHORTCUT TO ALL THE SAGA TEMPLES.
WAIT...DOES THAT MEAN WE KNOW WHERE ALL THE TEMPLES ARE NOW?
WE DON'T NEED TO KNOW ALL WE NEED TO DO IS BRING A BUNCH OF KEYS HERE AND WE CAN GET TO THEM ALL FROM ONE SPOT.
THEN WE DON'T HAVE TO DIVIDE OUR ATTENTION KNUCKLES, I CAN GO WITH YOU.
...WE CAN FIND THE SHARDS, AND MAYBE SAVE ANGEL ISLAND BEFORE THE WORLD IS REVERED!
BEST NEWS I'VE HEARD ALL DAY!
HOLD ON...YOU'RE LEAVING US?
JUST UNTIL WE FIND ALL THE SHARDS AND RESTORE ANGEL ISLAND
DON'T WORRY I'LL KEEP KNUCKLES SAFE
WHADDAMATTER, SHADDY? JEALOUS?
DO NOT EVEN START WITH ME, KNUCKLE-HEAD.


HIGH ABOVE, ON THE SKY PATROL
HAHA-SEE? I SAID THERE'D BE ANOTHER WAY
I DON'T WANT TO BE PUSH!
...BUT WHEN DO I GET TO GO ON MISSIONS?
WHEN THEY DON'T INVOLVE MONSTERS SPAWNED FROM PURE EVIL
INCOMING CALL! LINE THREE!
MAN! TONIGHT JUST WON'T QUIT
IS THIS ABOUT THE ESPRESSO MACHINE?*
*CREAM HAD AN INCIDENT IN SUM?!
ROUGE?
GOOD EVENING, HANDSOME THIS HAS GOT TO BE QUICK IT'S NOT SO MUCH AN "OFFICIAL CALL" AS A "PROFESSIONAL COURTESY"
AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO GIVE UP THE LEAD ON ANY TREASURE, A G.U.N. UNIT FOUND A CHAOS EMERALD IN CRYSTAL DESERT ZONE
INTERESTED!
ABSOLUTELY!


MEANWHILE...
MESSAGE FOR YOU, SIR. ME 'AL SONIC IS ON THE LINE.
GIVE METAL SONIC CLEARANCE FOR WHATEVER HE'S DOING.
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOSTILE TAKEOVER!
THE BOSS SAYS YOU'RE CLEAR TO ENGAGE.
ACKNOWLEDGED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SPARK OF LIFE

PART TWO

I'VE NEVER REALLY GIVEN A TOUR BEFORE, BUT I FIGURED I'D LEAVE THE BEST FOR LAST YEAR GUESTS. I GIVE YOU MY LATEST DISCOVERY.

I CALL IT A RED STAR RING!

FOR UH FAIRLY OBVIOUS REASONS.

[illegible] DAN FLYNN [illegible] ALEAH BAKER [illegible] TRACY YARDLEY [illegible] JIM ARAGA [illegible] MATT HERBIS [illegible] JACK MORELLI
[illegible] VINCENT LOVALLO [illegible] PAUL KAMINSKI [illegible] VICTOR GORELICK
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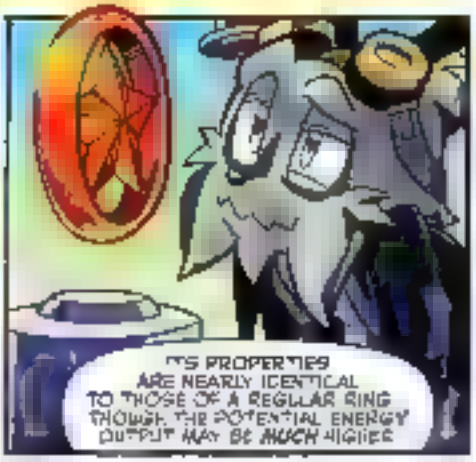
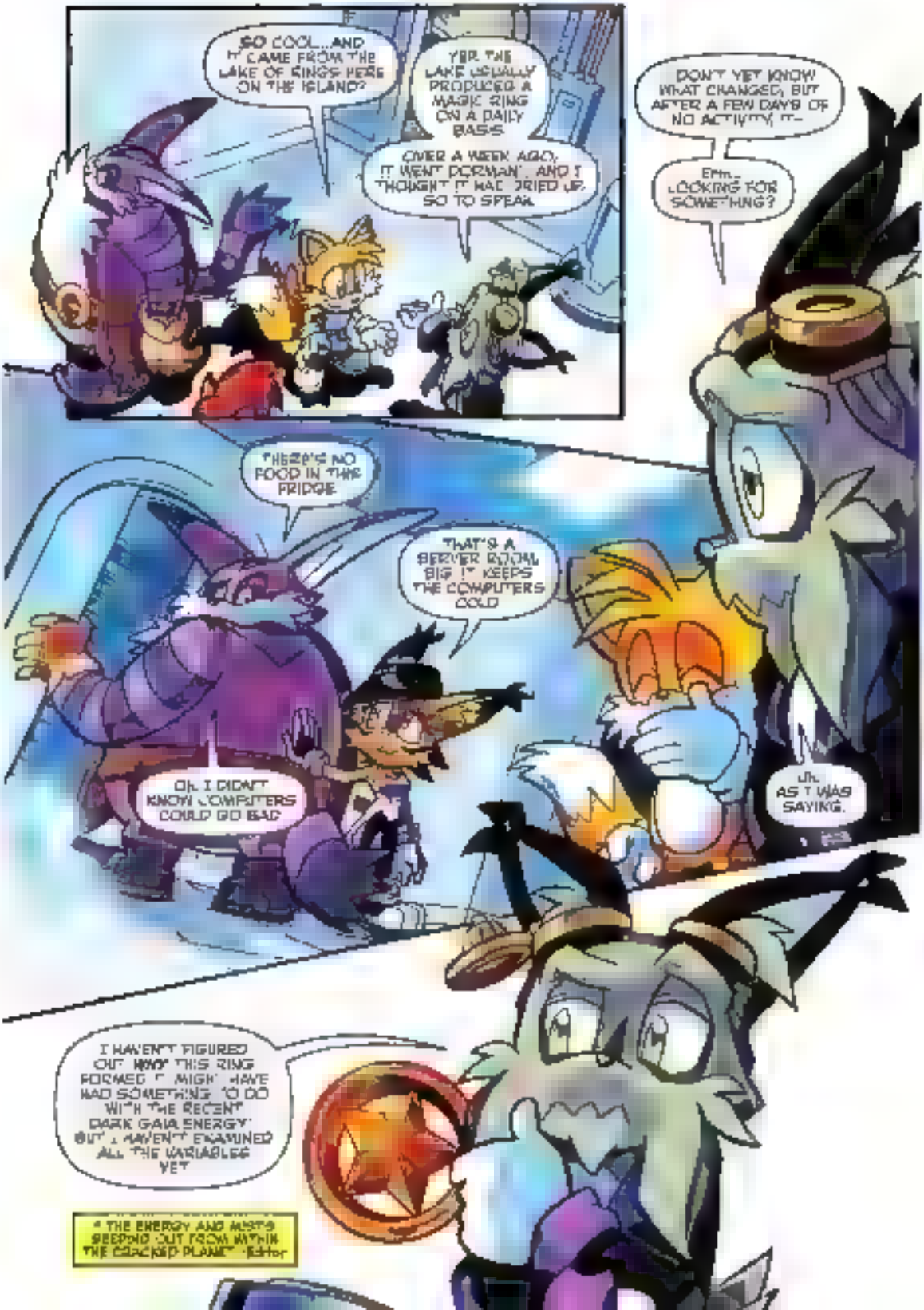


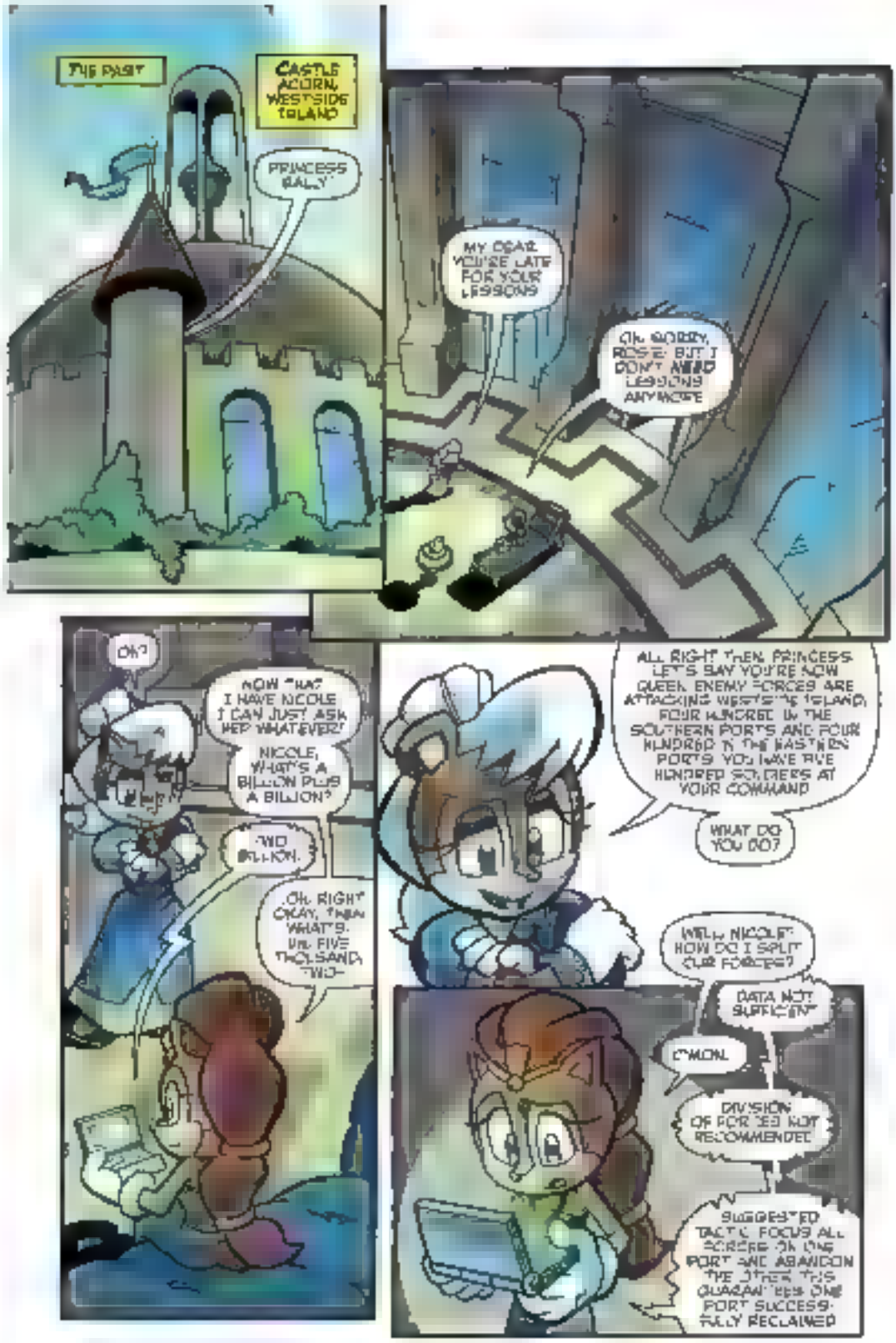

SO COOL...AND IT CAME FROM THE LAKE OF RINGS HERE ON THE ISLAND?
YEP. THE LAKE USUALLY PRODUCES A MAGIC RING ON A DAILY BASIS.
OVER A WEEK AGO, IT WENT DORMANT, AND I THOUGHT IT HAD DRIED UP. SO TO SPEAK.
DON'T YET KNOW WHAT CHANGED, BUT AFTER A FEW DAYS OF NO ACTIVITY, IT--
Ehm... LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
THERE'S NO FOOD IN THIS FRIDGE
THAT'S A BEEVER BIGGIE BIG ! KEEPS THE COMPUTERS COOL
Oh. I DIDN'T KNOW COMPUTERS COULD GO BAD
Uh. AS I WAS SAYING.
I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW THIS RING FORMED. I MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE RECENT DARK GAIA ENERGY BUT I HAVEN'T EXAMINED ALL THE VARIABLES YET
* THE ENERGY AND MISTS SEEPING OUT FROM WITHIN THE CRACKED PLANET -Editor

STILL THE POTENTIAL... IF I COULD RE-CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT MADE THE RING... OR EVEN SYNTHESIZE IT
THAT COULD BE GREAT FOR NICOLE!
...EH?
NICOLE IS ABLE TO PROJECT HER PHYSICAL FORM, THANKS TO RINGS, RIGHT? BUT THE ENERGY IS USED UP PRETTY QUICKLY. SO WITH A MORE POWERFUL RING...
OH, I SUPPOSE... IN THEORY.
UH, MAYBE...
WOW. NOT ONLY DID YOU CREATE NICOLE, YOU DEVELOPED ALL THESE NEAT USES FOR RINGS!
IT'S KIND OF A SHAME YOU COULDN'T KEEP WORKING FOR SALLY'S DAD.
YES. WELL, NO POINT IN DWELLING ON WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN.
ANYWAY...

SINCE THE RED STAR RING APPEARED, I'VE HAD MY LITTLE ROBOT BUDDIES—ERM, THE RE-PROGRAMMED BADNIKS—MONITORING THE LAKE OF RINGS. IT SEEMS TO HAVE GONE DORMANT AGAIN.
SO IT MIGHT BE MAKING ANOTHER RING!
RIGHT.
UNFORTUNATELY, YESTERDAY I LOST THE VIDEO FEED FROM THE LAKE.
MAYBE THE BADNIK STATIONED AT THE LAKE WAS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY THE DARK GAIA CREATURES.
THING IS, IT'S STILL SHOWING AS ACTIVE IN MY SYSTEMS. I TRIED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK VIA THE DIGITIZER AND WELL... YOU KNOW HOW THAT WENT.*
OTHER FEEDS HAVE SINCE GONE OFFLINE, TOO.
*SEE LAST ISSUE
IT COULD BE A HARDWARE ISSUE. I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
ACTUALLY, DOCTOR, I WANTED TO DISCUSS SOMETHING EARLIER.

WHEN YOU DIGITIZED YOURSELF, YOU ENDED UP TRAPPED IN THE DIGITAL WORLD. FURTHERMORE, YOU CAME UNDER ATTACK. EVEN IF YOUR PHYSICAL BODY REMAINED HERE, MENTALLY, YOU WERE AT RISK.
I BELIEVE THIS WAS ALL A DELIBERATE ACT OF AGGRESSION.
SOME THING IS TRYING TO TAKE OVER YOUR SYSTEMS.
SIGH!
I'D LIKE TO ARGUE THAT MY SYSTEMS ARE INVINCIBLE, BUT I SUPPOSE NOW WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE.
AND I GUESS IT BITS.
HEY, NO WORRIES! NICOLE AND I CAN HANDLE THIS!
AND BIG AND I WILL GO INVESTIGATE THE LAKE OF RINGS IN THE MEANTIME.
DON'T SUPPOSE YOU HAVE A VEHICLE?
Heh. I'M NOT THAT MUCH OF A RECLUSE.

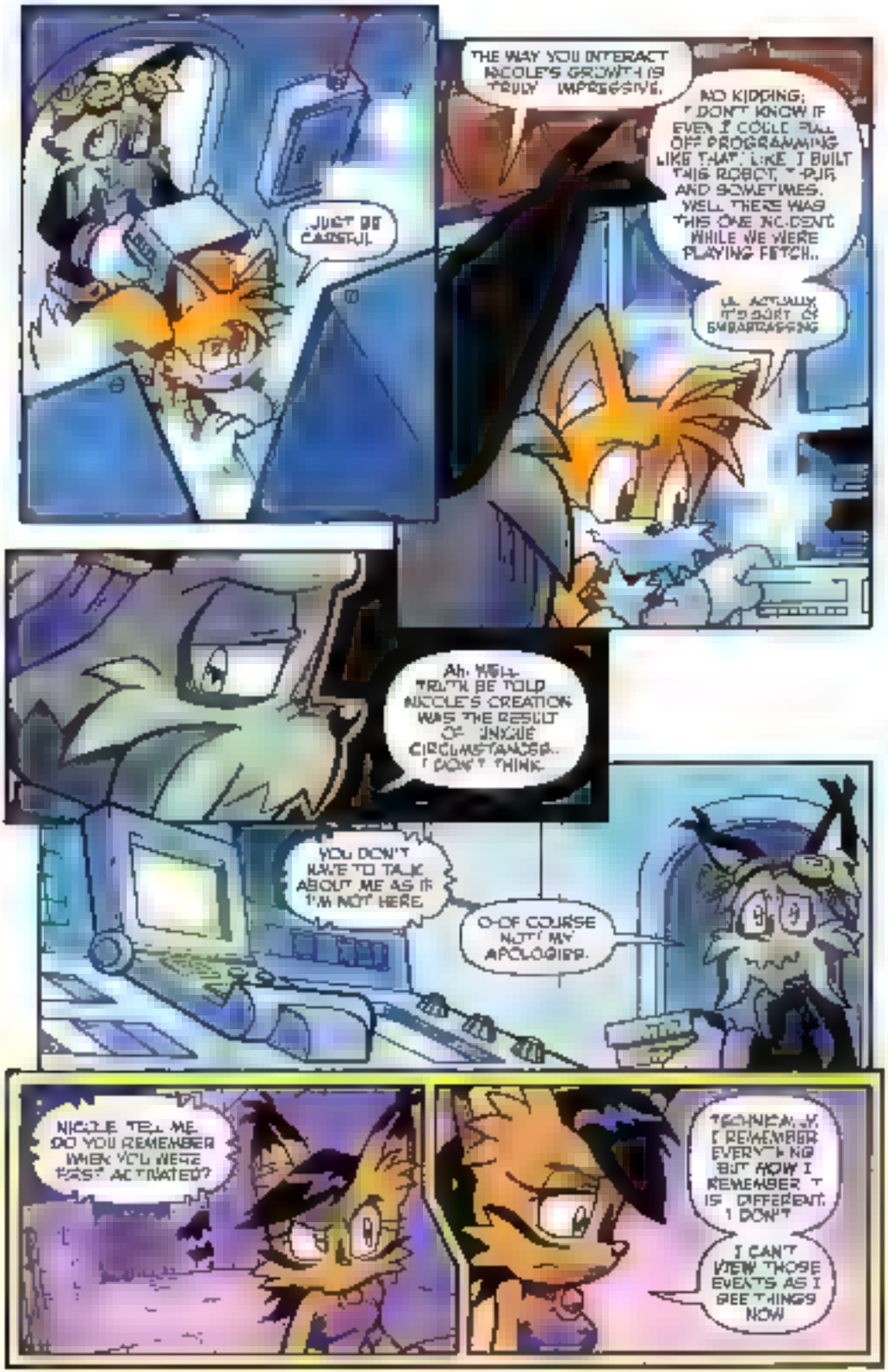
PRINCESS SALLY, STUFF KEEPS FLYING INTO MY MOUTH.
IS YOUR MOUTH OPEN?
YEP
TRY CLOSING IT?
OKAY
HEY, BIG? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF NICOLE?
NICOLE? I LIKE HER. SHE'S NICE
YOU DON'T THINK IT'S WEIRD THAT SHE'S NOT ORGANIC LIKE US?
UH. NOPE?
AS LONG AS THEY'RE NICE, I DON'T CARE WHAT ANYONE IS.
I GUESS IT JUST TAKES SOME GETTING USED TO FOR SOME PEOPLE.


THE PAST
CASTLE ACORN, WESTSIDE ISLAND
PRINCESS SALLY
MY DEAR, YOU'RE LATE FOR YOUR LESSONS
OH, SORRY, ROSIE. BUT I DON'T NEED LESSONS ANYMORE
OH?
NOW THAT I HAVE NICOLE I CAN JUST ASK HER WHATEVER!
NICOLE, WHAT'S A BILLION PLUS A BILLION?
"NO BILLION.
OH. RIGHT OKAY, THEN WHAT'S UH, FIVE THOUSAND TWO-
ALL RIGHT THEN, PRINCESS LET'S SAY YOU'RE NOW QUEEN. ENEMY FORCES ARE ATTACKING WESTSIDE ISLAND. FOUR HUNDRED IN THE SOUTHERN PORTS AND FOUR HUNDRED IN THE EASTERN PORTS. YOU HAVE FIVE HUNDRED SOLDIERS AT YOUR COMMAND
WHAT DO YOU DO?
WELL, NICOLE? HOW DO I SPLIT OUR FORCES?
DATA NOT SUFFICIENT
C'MON.
DIVISION OF FORCES NOT RECOMMENDED
SUGGESTED TACTIC: FOCUS ALL FORCES ON ONE PORT AND ABANDON THE OTHER. THIS GUARANTEES ONE PORT SUCCESSFULLY RECLAIMED

FORCES ARE INSUFFICIENT
NO! I WANT TO SAVE EVERYONE!
THEN GIVE ME A DIFFERENT SOLUTION
INSUFFICIENT DATA
WELL QUEEN SALLY?
WHAT IS YOUR DECISION?
I-I-
I DON'T KNOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
I'M SORRY, ROSIE. YOU'RE RIGHT. I WANT TO BE A QUEEN WHO'S THERE FOR HER PEOPLE SO... I HAVE TO BE MORE SELF-RELIANT
THOUGH MAYBE NICOLE CAN BE MY ROYAL ADVISOR?
I THINK THAT POSITION IS TYPICALLY RESERVED FOR LIVING BEINGS
SORRY TO HAVE PUT YOU ON THE SPOT LIKE THAT, PRINCESS
YOU'RE MUCH TOO YOUNG TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TACTICAL WARFARE..

DR. ELLIDY'S LAB
READY, NICOLE?
LOCKING DOWN MY HANDHELD. MOVING TO THE MAIN SYSTEM NOW. IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE STILL IN CONTACT WITH THE DIGITAL WORLD.
DR. ELLIDY'S MAIN SYSTEM
THE FIREWALL SEEMS INTACT, THOUGH THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN SOMETHING HASN'T BYPASSED IT UNDETECTED
RETIRED OR NOT, I DIDN'T THINK MY SKILLS WERE THAT RUSTY.
THE BADNIKS ARE APPEAR ONLINE BUT NOT NECESSARILY RESPONSIVE...HMM...I BELIEVE THIS QUALIFIES AS "FRUSTRATING."
...WHAT COULD POSSIBLY...?

NICOLE?
YES. I'M HERE.
IS IT LOOKING LIKE A VIRUS, OR ?
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT I'M NOT SURE. I THINK SOMETHING IS HERE. SOMETHING ELSE.
TAILS, I SUGGEST WE PARTITION THE SYSTEM IN ORDER TO LIMIT ITS MOVEMENT
I'M GOING TO SEARCH FOR IT DIRECTLY.
ALL RIGHT


JUST BE CAREFUL.
THE WAY YOU INTERACT NICOLE'S GROWTH IS TRULY IMPRESSIVE.
NO KIDDING; I DON'T KNOW IF EVEN I COULD PULL OFF PROGRAMMING LIKE THAT. LIKE I BUILT THIS ROBOT, YOU KNOW, AND SOMETIMES. WELL THERE WAS THIS ONE INCIDENT WHILE WE WERE PLAYING FETCH..
UH, ACTUALLY, IT'D SORT OF EMBARRASSING
Ah. Well. TRUTH BE TOLD NICOLE'S CREATION WAS THE RESULT OF UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES.. I DON'T THINK
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TALK ABOUT ME AS IF I'M NOT HERE.
O-OF COURSE NOT! MY APOLOGIES.
NICOLE, TELL ME, DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE FIRST ACTIVATED?
TECHNICALLY, I REMEMBER EVERYTHING BUT HOW I REMEMBER IT IS DIFFERENT. I DON'T
I CAN'T VIEW THOSE EVENTS AS I SEE THINGS NOW

THE PAST.
MOBOTROPOLIS, WEST SIDE ISLAND
COME ON, PLEASE ANYTHING.
UNIT ONLINE. GREETINGS, DR ELLIDY
WHO DID I WORK? ARE YOU?
THIS UNIT HAS NO SET DESIGNATION.
NO. OF COURSE NOT.

Uh, HELLO? DR. ELLIDY? ARE YOU FEELING WORN OUT FROM EARLIER?
Ah, YEH, A LITTLE SORRY, LET'S KEEP WORKING
SO...NICOLE, WAS THERE SOME KIND OF "CATALYST" OR EVENT THAT CHANGED YOUR OUTLOOK?
I DON'T BELIEVE SO..
BUT AS I SAID, MY "CONNECTION" TO THOSE MEMORIES IS NOT CONSISTENT
SYSTEM PARTITIONED
MY ENTIRE PERSPECTIVE EXISTED IN A DIFFERENT CONTEXT
MANY OF THE EVENTS THAT I CAN RECOGNIZE.

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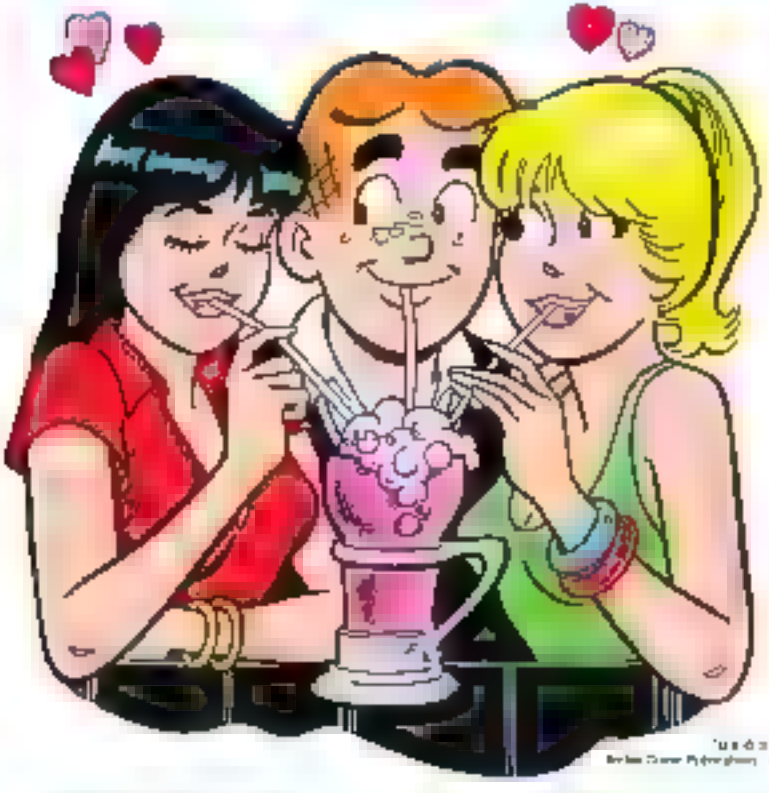

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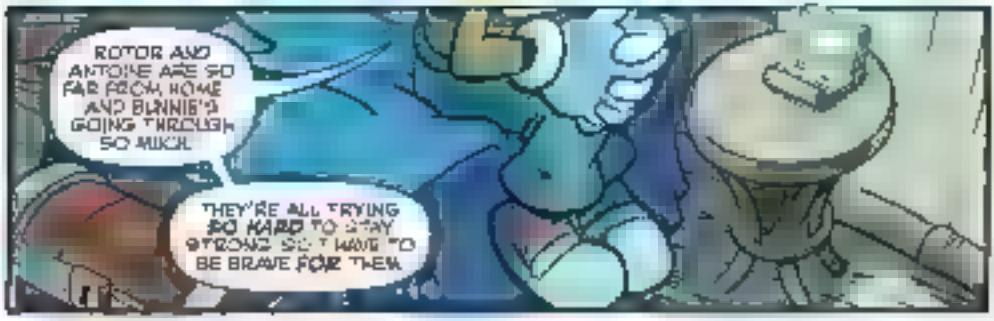
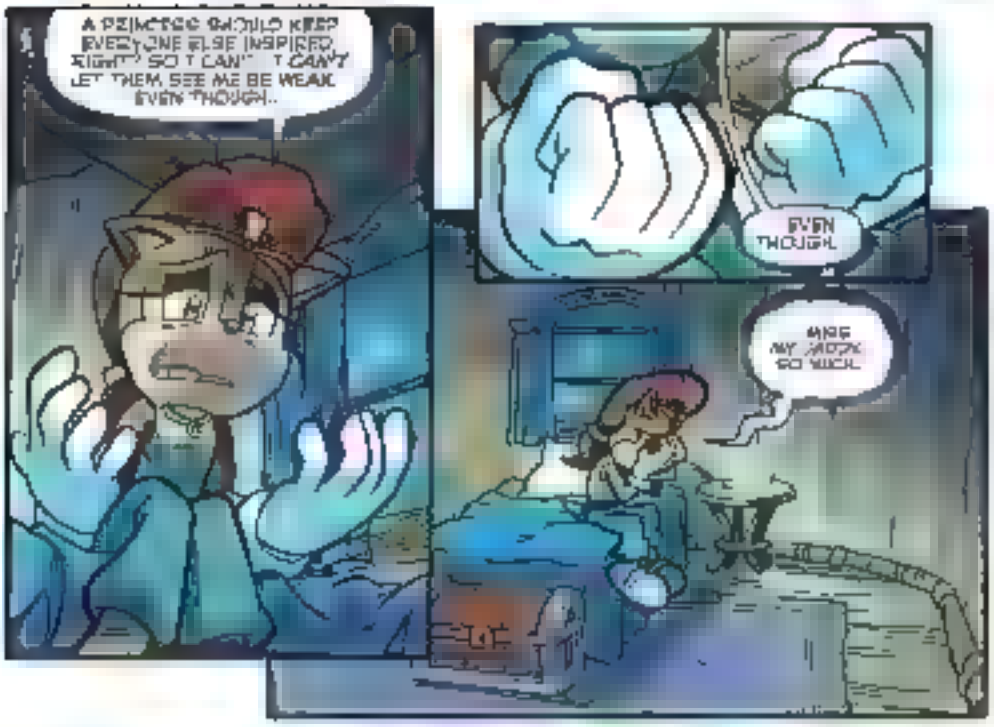
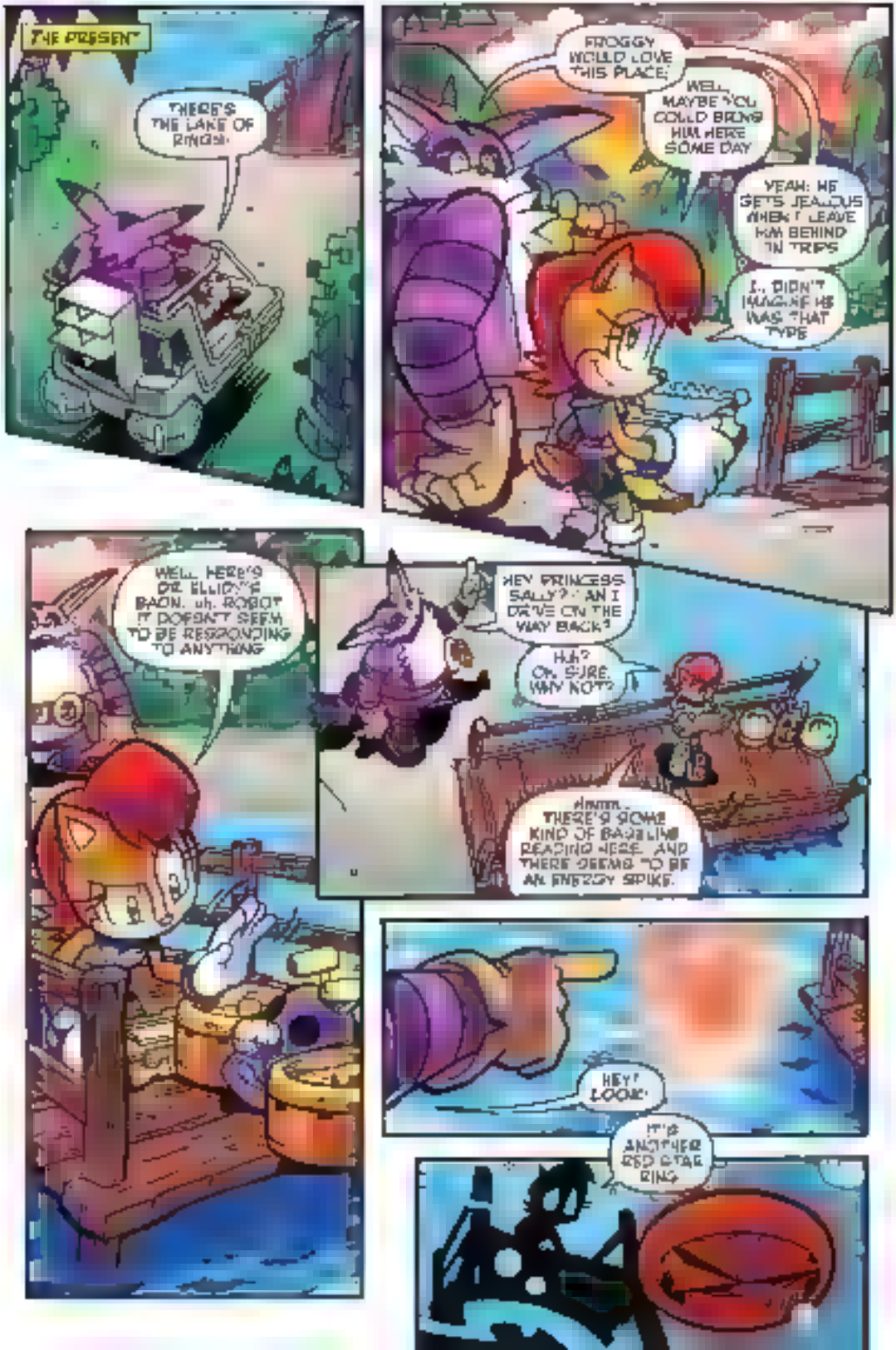
THE PART
ANOTHOLE VILLAGE, WOOD ZONE. POST EGGMAN INVASION.


ROTOR AND ANTOINE ARE SO FAR FROM HOME AND BUNNIE'D GOING THROUGH SO MUCH.
THEY'RE ALL TRYING SO HARD TO STAY STRONG SO I HAVE TO BE BRAVE FOR THEM.


A PRINCESS SHOULD KEEP EVERYONE ELSE INSPIRED, RIGHT? SO I CAN'T... I CAN'T LET THEM SEE ME BE WEAK EVEN THOUGH..
EVEN THOUGH
MISS MY MOM SO MUCH.

I'M S-SORRY, NICOLE... GUESS YOU CAN'T REALLY C-CARE BUT STILL...
THANKS FOR BEING THERE


THE PRESENT
THERE'S THE LAKE OF RINGS.
FROGGY WOULD LOVE THIS PLACE!
WELL, MAYBE YOU COULD BRING HIM HERE SOME DAY
YEAH: HE GETS JEALOUS WHEN I LEAVE HIM BEHIND IN TRIPS
I... DIDN'T IMAGINE HE WAS THAT TYPE
WELL, HERE'S DR. ELLIDY'S BACK. uh, ROBOT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE RESPONDING TO ANYTHING
HEY PRINCESS SALLY? AN I DRIVE ON THE WAY BACK?
Huh? OH, SURE. WHY NOT?
HMMM... THERE'S SOME KIND OF BASELINE READING HERE. AND THERE SEEMS TO BE AN ENERGY SPIKE.
HEY! LOOK!
IT'S ANOTHER RED STAR RING

SPLASH
YAOWL WAS THAT PERFECT TIMING OR WHAT! LET'S GET THIS NEW RING BACK
WHOOSH
HEY!
BZING
CLUNK

YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE BUT THIS IS GETTING BEYOND CREEPY.
WHATEVER'S INFECTED DR. ELDY'S SYSTEMS IS DEFINITELY AGGRESSIVE. I WONDER IF SOMEONE IS TRYING TO GET TO THESE RED STAR RINGS ALSO.
THERE'S STILL AN ENERGY READING IS IT HE JAKE "REX"?
PRINCESS SALLY IT'S GETTING DARK. THOSE DARK QUA MONSTERS COME OUT AT NIGHT.
RIGHT. WE'D BETTER GET BACK.
MY TURN TO DRIVE! ♪

YOU'RE BACK NOW—OH, A SECOND RED STAR RING!
IT APPEARED RIGHT WHEN WE GOT THERE. THERE WAS ALSO SOME INTERESTING ENERGY READINGS. OH, AND THE ROBOT
I'M SORRY, BUT WE WERE FORCED TO DESTROY IT. IT WAS UN-RESPONSIVE AT FIRST BUT THEN IT JUST WENT BERSERK.
THAT IS NOT EXACTLY REASSURING. I DUNNO IF WE'RE EVEN ALL THAT MUCH CLOSER TO PINPOINTING THE PROBLEM HERE AND...
AAAAWWW
THIS HAS BEEN A LONG DAY.
YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST.
BUT THE ROBOTS.
I'LL KEEP TABS ON THINGS. IF ANYTHING GOES DISASTROUSLY WRONG, TRUST ME, I'LL LET YOU KNOW.
THIS WAY, GENTLEMEN. THEY MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT THE CHAIRS ARE QUITE COMFY. SORRY...NEVER NEEDED A GUEST ROOM HERE.
ALL RIGHT, NICOLE, I'M JUST GONNA GIVE ROTOR A QUICK CALL TO CHECK IN ON THE SKY PATROL.

ALL THE TECH IN THERE MUST BE MESSING WITH THE RECEPTION. SALLY TO BIG PATROL. HELLO?
HEY, ROTOR! YEAH, JUST CALLING TO LET YOU KNOW. UH-HUH.
YEAH, DR. ELLIDY'S OKAY. NICOLE REACHED HIM IN TIME AND, YEAH, HONESTLY, HE SEEMS A LITTLE UNEASY AROUND HER.
YEAH, KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. LISTEN, THERE'S SOME KIND OF PROBLEM HERE. NOT SURE. MIGHT BE A VIRUS, OR MAYBE EVEN A HACKER.
YEAH, I KNOW. IT'S ALWAYS GETS "HACKING" WRONG, DON'T IT? OH, THAT MIGHT BE THE OTHERS CALLING? ALL RIGHT 'NIGHT, ROTOR. SEE YOU TOMORROW.
Huh

WHAT THE.
I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, PRINCESS
I EXPECTED YOUR FATHER TO TEACH YOU BETTER THAN TO SNOOP AROUND!
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